

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Allen Robertson

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing appropriate care for certain populations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act providing appropriate care for certain populations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1: Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition
2 is hereby amended in section 1 by inserting the following definition:-

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4 “Forensic Unit” a physically separate unit from other units. These units shall have in
5 place restrictions consistent with those present when an individual is incarcerated. These units
6 shall include appropriate staffing levels to address the needs of the patient population and who
7 have undergone specialized training to work effectively with this patient population. The
8 physical environment of the unit shall be conducive to meeting the needs of the patient
9 population.

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11 SECTION 2: Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition
12 is hereby amended by adding at the end of Section 15 the following section:-

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14 (g) any individual admitted to a facility under the conditions described in paragraph (b) or
15 paragraph (e) shall be initially admitted to a forensic unit.

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17 SECTION 3: Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition
18 is hereby amended by adding at the end of Section 16 the following section:-

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20 (g) any individual admitted to a facility under the conditions described in paragraph (a),
21 (c) or paragraph (e) shall be initially admitted to a forensic unit.

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23 SECTION 4: Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition
24 is hereby amended by adding at the end of Section 18 the following section:-

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26 (e) any individual admitted to a facility under the conditions described in paragraph (a) or
27 paragraph (b) shall be initially admitted to a forensic unit.