

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1741**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Christopher Hendricks***

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*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 to amend Section 35 of M.G.L. Ch. 123.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/8/2025</i>

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By Representative Hendricks of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1741) of Christopher Hendricks relative to orders of commitment of persons believed to have an alcohol or substance use disorder. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to amend Section 35 of M.G.L. Ch. 123.

*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. Section 35 of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 123 shall hereby be  
2 amended by striking the current language, "Any police officer, physician, spouse, blood relative,  
3 guardian or court official may petition in writing any district court or any division of the juvenile  
4 court department for an order of commitment of a person whom he has reason to believe has an  
5 alcohol or substance use disorder;" and inserting in place thereof the following language: "Any  
6 police officer, physician, spouse, blood relative, guardian, court official, Licensed Alcohol and  
7 Drug Counselor (I or II), or Licensed Social Worker may petition in writing any district court, or  
8 any division of the juvenile court department for an order of commitment of a person whom they  
9 have reason to believe has an alcohol or substance use disorder."

10           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.