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January 14, 2025

Michael D. Hurley, Clerk  
Clerk of the Senate  
State House, Room 335  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Hurley:

Pursuant to Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017, Section 57, which amended GL. Chapter 123 §35, the Commissioner of Mental Health is required to report annually whether a facility other than the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Bridgewater, Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center (MASAC) is being used for the treatment of males committed to MASAC under Section 35, and the number of persons so committed to such a facility in the previous year.

Although the Department of Mental Health does not maintain this information, I have inquired of the Department of Correction, and have received the following information:

For calendar year 2024, the Department of Correction reports that 556 men were admitted to MASAC at Plymouth. Of this number, 370 men were admitted under “straight” Section 35 orders, 61 were under Section 35 and had cash bail orders in connection with criminal matters, and 125 were under Section 35 and were either held without bail or held due to Violation of Probation.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Correction if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth Luas".

Beth Luas, MPA, OI  
Acting Commissioner

cc: Shawn Jenkins, Commissioner, Department of Corrections



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