

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1419**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce E. Tarr***

*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 relative to protective custody.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	<i>3/17/2025</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1419) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to protective custody. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1270 OF 2023-2024.]

**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 relative to protective custody.

*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 9A of Chapter 111E as appearing in the 2022 edition is hereby  
2 amended by inserting in the first sentence of the second paragraph after "immediately obtaining  
3 appropriate emergency medical treatment" the following:- "provided such custody shall continue  
4 in force and effect for the duration of necessary transport, screening, and evaluation for  
5 treatment".

6           SECTION 2. Section 9A of Chapter 111E as appearing in the 2022 edition is hereby  
7 amended by inserting at the end of the third paragraph after the word "treatment" the following:-  
8 "and evaluation".