

HOUSE No. 1065

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Haddad

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 creating intensive stabilization and treatment units within the Department of Mental Health.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balser</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>

<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Kate D. Campanale</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>

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By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1065) of Patricia A. Haddad and others relative to creating intensive stabilization and treatment units within the Department of Mental Health. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to creating intensive stabilization and treatment units within the Department of Mental Health.

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 19 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section at the end thereof: -

3 Section 25. There shall be, within the department of mental health, at least two intensive
4 stabilization and treatment units for patients who exhibit persistently aggressive or self-
5 destructive behavior or exhibit atypically, intensively violent behavior that requires specialized
6 care. One unit shall be designated for men and one unit shall be designated for women. Said
7 units shall be located at a specific and central location and be secured and physically separate
8 from other units. These units shall provide comprehensive evaluation, stabilization and
9 psychiatric treatment which shall include, but not be limited to: violence assessments, behavioral
10 management consultation, interpersonal conflict resolution strategies, critical incident de-
11 briefings and transfer evaluations. These units shall include appropriate staffing levels to address
12 the needs of the patient population with an interdisciplinary staff, including but not limited to

13 registered nurses, clinical social workers, mental health workers, psychiatrists, clinical
14 psychologists and rehabilitation specialists, who have undergone specialized training to work
15 effectively with this patient population. Upon behavior stabilization, the staff on the unit shall
16 develop a plan for the safe and timely transfer of the patient out of the intensive stabilization and
17 treatment unit.