

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 01423**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Kay Khan*

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the civil commitment of women for alcoholism and substance abuse to MCI Framingham.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>

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By Ms. Kay Khan of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01423) of Ellen Story and others relative to the civil commitment of women for alcoholism and substance abuse at the Framingham Correctional Institution. Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 1938 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to the civil commitment of women for alcoholism and substance abuse to MCI Framingham.

*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 7 of Chapter 111B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: The department shall  
3 ensure that no female is committed to the Massachusetts correctional institution, Framingham for  
4 rehabilitative purposes pursuant to this section or pursuant to section 35 of chapter 123 of the  
5 General Laws.

6 SECTION 2. Said Section 7 of said Chapter 111B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
7 hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 27-28, the following words:— or to the  
8 Massachusetts correctional institution, Framingham

9 SECTION 3. Section 35 of Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
10 amended by striking out in line 43 the words “or at Framingham, if a female”.

11 SECTION 4. Section 35 of Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further  
12 amended by striking out in line 60, the words “and Framingham”

13 SECTION 5. Said Section 35 of said Chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
14 by striking out, in line 59, the word “institutions” and inserting in place thereof the word  
15 “institution”.

16 SECTION 6. Said Section 35 of said Chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further amended in  
17 line 46 by inserting after the words “convicted criminals.” the following sentence:--

18 Within 24 hours of completed detoxification the person so committed shall receive a full mental  
19 health evaluation performed by a physician board certified in psychology, qualified psychiatric  
20 nurse clinical specialist or licensed psychologist.

21 SECTION 7. Said Section 35 of said Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
22 hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:--

23 The department of public health shall establish and maintain the necessary number of secure  
24 treatment beds for females to meet the requirements of this section.

25 SECTION 8. Said Section 35 of said Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
26 hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:--

27 The department of public health shall file an annual report on these proceedings with the house  
28 committee on ways and means, the senate committee on ways and means, the joint committee on  
29 mental health & substance abuse and the joint committee on health care financing.