

HOUSE No. 1476

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Brian M. Ashe

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 relating to threats of suicide while in court custody (Stavri’s Law).

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2023</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Aaron L. Saunders</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Christopher J. Worrell</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>3/8/2023</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>3/8/2023</i>

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By Representatives Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield and Ashe of Longmeadow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1476) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier, Brian M. Ashe and others relative to threats of suicide while in court custody. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act relating to threats of suicide while in court custody (Stavri’s Law).

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: This act shall be known as “Stavri’s Law”

2 SECTION 2: Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,
3 is hereby amended by inserting after section 36A the following section:

4 Section 36A1/2 Whenever a person in the custody of court officials makes a suicidal
5 threat or engages in suicidal behavior, the Court shall record in the department of criminal justice
6 information services computer the name, address, and the age of such person, reason for such
7 detention and the nature and date of any suicidal threat or behavior.

8 Whenever a person is the subject of a civil commitment petition pursuant to MGL c. 123,
9 based on suicidal threats or behavior (whether or not such petition is granted), the Court shall
10 record in the department of criminal justice information services computer the name, address,
11 and the age of such person, reason for such detention (if any) and the nature and date of any
12 suicidal threat or behavior indicated in the commitment process.