

HOUSE No. 1700

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ruth B. Balsler

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 ensuring access to addiction services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Balsler of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1700) of Ruth B. Balsler and others relative to ensuring access to addiction services to residents of secure facilities approved by the Department of Public Health or the Department of Mental Health. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act ensuring access to addiction services.

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 35 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 73 to 85, inclusive, as amended by
3 section 56 of chapter 47 of the acts of 2017, the words “: (i) a secure facility for women
4 approved by the department of public health or the department of mental health, if a female; or
5 (ii) the Massachusetts correctional institution at Bridgewater or other such facility as designated
6 by the commissioner of correction, if a male; provided, however, that any person so committed
7 shall be housed and treated separately from persons currently serving a criminal sentence” and
8 inserting in place thereof the following words:- a secure facility approved by the department of
9 public health or the department of mental health.

10 SECTION 2. Said section 35 of said chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further
11 amended by striking out the fifth and sixth paragraphs, as inserted by section 57 of chapter 47 of
12 the acts of 2017.