

HOUSE No. 02316

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 passage of the accompanying bill:
An Act relative to creating a difficult to manage unit within the Department of Mental Health.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patricia A. Haddad

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

5th Bristol

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By Ms. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2316) of Haddad relative to creating a difficult to manage unit within the Department of Mental Health Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act relative to creating a difficult to manage unit 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 Chapter 19 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
- 2 adding the following section: -
- 3 Section 25. There shall be, within the department of mental health, a specific difficult to manage
- 4 unit, so called, for men and a specific difficult to manage unit, so called, for women. Units shall
- 5 be located at a specific and central location. Units shall address and consider issues relative to
- 6 the difficult manage, so called, populations within the department and shall be consistent to the
- 7 former difficult to manage unit at Taunton State Hospital.