

HOUSE No. 3048

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Diana DiZoglio

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 civil commitment length of treatment for alcohol and substance abuse.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>

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By Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3048) of Diana DiZoglio and others relative to civil commitment length of treatment for alcohol and substance abuse. The Judiciary.

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

An Act relative to civil commitment length of treatment for alcohol and substance abuse.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The fourth paragraph of section 35 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as amended by
2 section 4 of chapter 8 of the acts of 2016, is hereby amended by striking out the first and second
3 sentences and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- If, after a hearing which shall
4 include expert testimony and may include other evidence, the court finds that such person is an
5 individual with an alcohol or substance use disorder and there is a likelihood of serious harm as a
6 result of the person’s alcohol or substance use disorder, the court may order such person to be
7 committed for a period not to exceed 90 days to a facility designated by the department of public
8 health, followed by the availability of case management services provided by the department of
9 public health for up to 1 year.