

**SENATE . . . . . No. 815**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

*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 expanding eligibility for diversion to treatment for criminal offenders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Cynthia S. Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 815) of Cynthia S. Creem and Denise Provost for legislation to expand eligibility for diversion to treatment for criminal offenders. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act expanding eligibility for diversion to treatment for criminal offenders.

*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 2 of chapter 276A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 6 through 14, the following words:-

3           “and who has reached the age of 18 years but has not reached the age of twenty-two, who  
4 has not previously been convicted of a violation of any law of the commonwealth or of any other  
5 state or of the United States in any criminal court proceeding after having reached the age of 18  
6 years, except for traffic violations for which no term of imprisonment may have been imposed,  
7 who does not have any outstanding warrants, continuances, appeals or criminal cases pending  
8 before any courts of the commonwealth or any other state or of the United States,”