

SENATE No. 918

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 use.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>

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By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 918) of Diana DiZoglio and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to civil commitment length of treatment for alcohol and substance abuse. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3048 OF 2017-2018.]

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

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

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
3 second sentences and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- If, after a hearing which
4 shall include expert testimony and may include other evidence, the court finds that such person is
5 an individual with an alcohol or substance use disorder and there is a likelihood of serious harm
6 as a result of the person’s alcohol or substance use disorder, the court may order such person to
7 be committed for a period not to exceed 90 days to a facility designated by the Department of
8 Public Health, followed by the availability of case management services provided by the
9 Department of Public Health for up to 1 year.