

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1797**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Kay Khan***

*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 the civil commitment of women for alcoholism and substance abuse to MCI Framingham.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                        | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:              |
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| <i>Kay Khan</i>              | <i>11th Middlesex</i>          |
| <i>Ellen Story</i>           | <i>3rd Hampshire</i>           |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>    | <i>11th Suffolk</i>            |
| <i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>       | <i>12th Middlesex</i>          |
| <i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>    | <i>37th Middlesex</i>          |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>    | <i>25th Middlesex</i>          |
| <i>Marcos A. Devers</i>      | <i>16th Essex</i>              |
| <i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>     | <i>8th Middlesex</i>           |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i>     | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> |
| <i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i> | <i>3rd Berkshire</i>           |
| <i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>   | <i>First Suffolk</i>           |
| <i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>  | <i>4th Middlesex</i>           |
| <i>Mary S. Keefe</i>         | <i>15th Worcester</i>          |
| <i>Peter V. Kocot</i>        | <i>1st Hampshire</i>           |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i>      | <i>Second Worcester</i>        |
| <i>David M. Rogers</i>       | <i>24th Middlesex</i>          |
| <i>Tom Sannicandro</i>       | <i>7th Middlesex</i>           |

*Walter F. Timitly*

*7th Norfolk*

*Chris Walsh*

*6th Middlesex*

*Barbara L'Italien*

*Second Essex and Middlesex*

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1797) of Kay Khan and others relative to the civil commitment of women for alcoholism and substance abuse at the Framingham Correctional Institution. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1790 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to the civil commitment of women for alcoholism and substance abuse to MCI Framingham.

*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 7 of Chapter 111B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 27-28, the following words “or to the  
3 Massachusetts correctional institution, Framingham”.

4           SECTION 2. Said Section 7 of said Chapter 111B of the General Laws, as so appearing,  
5 is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:-

6           The department shall ensure that no female is committed to the Massachusetts  
7 correctional institution, Framingham for rehabilitative purposes pursuant to this section or  
8 pursuant to section 35 of chapter 123 of the General Laws.

9 SECTION 3. Section 35 of Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
10 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 50-51 the words “or at Framingham,  
11 if a female”.

12 SECTION 4. Said Section 35 of said Chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further  
13 amended in line 53 by inserting after the words “convicted criminals.” the following sentence:-

14 Within 24 hours of completed detoxification the person so committed shall receive a full  
15 mental health evaluation performed by a physician board certified in psychology, qualified  
16 psychiatric nurse clinical specialist or licensed psychologist.

17 SECTION 5. Said Section 35 of said Chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further  
18 amended by striking out, in line 63, the word “institutions” and inserting in place thereof the  
19 word “institution”.

20 SECTION 6. Said Section 35 of said Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as so appearing,  
21 is hereby further amended by striking out in line 64, the words “and Framingham”.

22 SECTION 7. Said Section 35 of said Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as so appearing,  
23 is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:-

24 The department of public health shall establish and maintain the necessary number of  
25 secure treatment beds for females to meet the requirements of this section.

26 SECTION 8. Said Section 35 of said Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as so appearing,  
27 is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:-

28           The department of public health shall file an annual report on these proceedings with the  
29 house committee on ways and means, the senate committee on ways and means, the joint  
30 committee on mental health & substance abuse and the joint committee on health care financing.