

HOUSE No.
19341893

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 passage of the accompanying bill:
An Act relative to inpatient admissions to psychiatric hospitals and facilities licensed by the department of mental health.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
Benjamin Swan	11th Hampden
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Mary E. Grant	6th Essex
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Susan C. Tucker	Second Essex and Middlesex
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex
Brian P. Wallace	4th Suffolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1886 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine
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AN ACT RELATIVE TO INPATIENT ADMISSIONS TO PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND FACILITIES LICENSED BY 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:

SECTION 1 Chapter 123 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 23B the following section:-

Section 23C. Within a reasonable time following the admission of a patient to a health care facility, or part thereof, operated by, licensed by or contracting with the department of mental health, including admissions to state hospitals or community mental health centers, the person so admitted shall be presented with a release of confidentiality form, allowing for the involvement of family members and outpatient providers for the better coordination of treatment. The Department of Mental Health shall promulgate regulations for the implementation and enforcement of this section.