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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

#### PRESENTED BY:

### Patricia A. Haddad

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 creating a difficult to manage unit within the Department of Mental Health.

#### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Patricia A. Haddad	5th Bristol	
Alan Silvia	7th Bristol	
Claire D. Cronin	11th Plymouth	
John J. Lawn, Jr.	10th Middlesex	
Tackey Chan	2nd Norfolk	
Gailanne M. Cariddi	1st Berkshire	
James J. Dwyer	30th Middlesex	
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester	
Michael D. Brady	9th Plymouth	
Barbara L'Italien	Second Essex and Middlesex	
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester	
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex	
Marcos A. Devers	16th Essex	
Shaunna L. O'Connell	3rd Bristol	
Chris Walsh	6th Middlesex	
Marc R. Pacheco	First Plymouth and Bristol	
Paul Brodeur	32nd Middlesex	
Carole A. Fiola	6th Bristol	

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By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1792) of Patricia A. Haddad and others relative to creating a difficult to manage unit within the Department of Mental Health. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

## [SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 1788 OF 2013-2014.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court (2015-2016)

An Act relative to creating a difficult to manage unit within 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:

1 Chapter 19 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby

2 amended by adding the following section: -

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4 Section 25. There shall be, within the department of mental health, a specific difficult to

5 manage unit, so called, for men and a specific difficult to manage unit, so called, for women.

6 Units within the department shall be clearly designated as such. Units shall address and consider

7 issues relative to the difficult manage, so called, populations within the department.