

HOUSE No. 2066

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ruth B. Balser

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 ensuring access to addiction services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Ruth B. Balser</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2021</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>4/7/2021</i>

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By Ms. Balsler of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2066) of Ruth B. Balsler and others relative to ensuring access to addiction services to residents of secure facilities approved by the Department of Public Health or the Department of Mental Health. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act ensuring access to addiction services.

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 35 of Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 73 to 85, inclusive, as amended by
3 section 56 of chapter 47 of the acts of 2017, the words “: (i) a secure facility for women
4 approved by the department of public health or the department of mental health, if a female; or
5 (ii) the Massachusetts correctional institution at Bridgewater or other such facility as designated
6 by the commissioner of correction, if a male; provided, however, that any person so committed
7 shall be housed and treated separately from persons currently serving a criminal sentence” and
8 inserting in place thereof the following words:- a secure facility licensed or approved by the
9 Department of Public Health or the Department of Mental Health, which shall not be a jail or
10 correctional facility; provided further, that such secure facilities approved by the Department of
11 Public Health or the Department of Mental Health shall be geographically distributed throughout
12 the Commonwealth so as to provide access to treatment in all regions of Massachusetts.

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14 SECTION 2. Said Section 35 of said Chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further
15 amended by striking out the fifth and sixth paragraphs, as inserted by section 57 of chapter 47 of
16 the acts of 2017.