

HOUSE No. 3510

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 voluntary third-party notification of end of treatment for alcohol and substance abuse.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Juana Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3510) of Diana DiZoglio and others relative to voluntary third-party notification of end of treatment for alcohol and substance abuse. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to voluntary third-party notification of end of treatment for alcohol and substance abuse.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Clause (7) of section 19 of chapter 17 of the General Laws, as added by chapter 52 of the
2 acts of 2016, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “risks” the following words:- ; and
3 (8) upon admission provide the patient with forms for the patient’s consideration that include:
4 (i) a health care proxy for the patient’s signature as provided for in chapter 201; and (ii) the
5 designation of a contact to be informed when the patient is: (A) discharged; (B) checks out or
6 leaves the facility or (C) the patient has harmed themselves or threatened to harm themselves.