SENATE No. 1379

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael D. Brady

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 to provide more focused care to individuals suffering from mental health and substance related disabilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME: DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Michael D. Brady Second Plymouth and Norfolk

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By Mr. Brady, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1379) of Michael D. Brady for legislation to provide more focused care to individuals suffering from mental health and substance related disabilities. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 1234 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court (2025-2026)

An Act to provide more focused care to individuals suffering from mental health and substance related disabilities.

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 is hereby amended by inserting after section 19 the
- 2 following section:-
- 3 Section 19A. (a) In-patient and out-patient mental health service providers in the
- 4 commonwealth shall provide physically separate accommodations for patients requiring non-
- 5 substance abuse treatment and patients requiring substance abuse treatment when providing
- 6 services and care to such patients, to provide more focused care to each group.
- 7 (b) the department shall promulgate regulations to implement this section.