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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Tolman**

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*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 amending the duration of commitment of alcoholics and substance abusers.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Mr. Tolman | Second Suffolk and Middlesex |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01134 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act amending the duration of commitment of alcoholics and substance abusers.

 *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, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the words “not to exceed thirty” from line 37 - 38 and inserting the words “the minimum of which shall be thirty days and the maximum of which shall be ninety days; a review of the necessity of said commitment shall take place on day forty-five, day sixty and day seventy-five as long as the commitment continues”.