

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to creating a difficult to manage unit within the department of mental health.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patricia A. Haddad

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

5th Bristol

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1883 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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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 is hereby amended by adding the following section: -

2 Section 22. There shall be, within the department of mental health, a specific 'difficult to manage unit' for  
3 men and a specific 'difficult to manage unit' for women. Said units shall be located at a specific and central  
4 location. The components of said units shall address and consider issues relative to the difficult manage to  
5 populations within the department and shall be consistent to the former difficult to manage unit at Taunton State  
6 Hospital.