

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Kay Khan**

*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 inpatient admissions to psychiatric hospitals and facilities licensed by the department of mental health.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Kay Khan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

11th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1886 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO INPATIENT ADMISSIONS TO PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND  
FACILITIES LICENSED BY 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 SECTION 1. Chapter 123 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 23B  
2 the following section:-  
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4 Section 23C. Within a reasonable time following the admission of a patient to a health care  
5 facility, or part thereof, operated by, licensed by or contracting with the department of mental  
6 health, including admissions to state hospitals or community mental health centers, the person so  
7 admitted shall be presented with a release of confidentiality form, allowing for the involvement  
8 of family members and outpatient providers for the better coordination of treatment. The  
9 Department of Mental Health shall promulgate regulations for the implementation and  
10 enforcement of this section.