

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Tolman

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mr. Tolman

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Suffolk and Middlesex

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

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

**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:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by striking the words “not to exceed thirty” from line 37 - 38 and inserting the words “the
3 minimum of which shall be thirty days and the maximum of which shall be ninety days; a review of the
4 necessity of said commitment shall take place on day forty-five, day sixty and day seventy-five as long as
5 the commitment continues”.