

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2323**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Elizabeth A. Malia***

*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 relative to specialty courts.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                       | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                 |
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| <i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>   | <i>11th Suffolk</i>               |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i>       | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i>            |
| <i>Kay Khan</i>             | <i>11th Middlesex</i>             |
| <i>Denise C. Garlick</i>    | <i>13th Norfolk</i>               |
| <i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i> | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i>    | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>    |
| <i>Mary S. Keefe</i>        | <i>15th Worcester</i>             |
| <i>José F. Tosado</i>       | <i>9th Hampden</i>                |
| <i>Steven Ultrino</i>       | <i>33rd Middlesex</i>             |
| <i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>   | <i>10th Plymouth</i>              |
| <i>Paul R. Heroux</i>       | <i>2nd Bristol</i>                |
| <i>Chris Walsh</i>          | <i>6th Middlesex</i>              |

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2323) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to specialty courts. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to specialty courts.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           The administrative office of the trial court shall establish a statewide universal system for  
2 referral processes to specialty courts, including a referral form that probation officers and other  
3 relevant parties shall use to evaluate an individual’s eligibility for the program. The universal  
4 referral form shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

5           A.     Court Information;

6           B.     Eligible Offenses;

7           C.     Criminal History;

8           D.     Demographics, including age, race or ethnicity, sex or gender identity;

9           E.     Medical History, including any prior mental health or substance use disorder  
10 diagnoses, mental health treatment, substance use disorder treatment and, if applicable, type of  
11 substances abused;

- 12 F. Government Benefits;
- 13 G. Insurance;
- 14 H. Employment and Educational History; and
- 15 I. Services Needed