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By Mrs. Parente of Milford, petition of Marie J. Parente, Mary Jane Simmons and another for legislation to further regulate commitments of certain mentally ill persons. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five.

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### AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING COMMITMENTS OF CERTAIN MENTALLY ILL PERSONS.

*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 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 1992 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in  
3 line 35, after the word "community", the following clauses:—  
4 (4) if untreated the mental illness has a substantial probability  
5 of resulting in severe and abnormal mental or physical harm that  
6 will significantly impair the persons' judgment, reasoning,  
7 behavior or capacity to recognize reality or (5) the mental illness  
8 renders the person incapable of expressing an understanding of  
9 the advantages or disadvantages of accepting medication or treat-  
10 ment and of the alternatives which have been explained to him.

