

By Ms. Khan of Newton, petition of Kay Khan and other members of the General Court for legislation to prohibit the civil commitment of women for alcoholism or substance abuse to the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Framingham. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CIVIL COMMITMENT OF WOMEN FOR ALCOHOLISM OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TO THE MASSACHUSETTS CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AT FRAMINGHAM.

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. Section 35 of Chapter 123 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is amended by striking
3 out line 43 the words "or at Framingham, if a female".

1 SECTION 2. Section 35 of Chapter 123 of the General Laws,
2 as so appearing, is further amended by striking out in line 60, the
3 words "and Framingham". and "institution" for the word "institu-
4 tions" in the same paragraph.

1 SECTION 3. Said Section 35 of said Chapter 123, as so
2 appearing, is further amended by striking out, in line 59, the word
3 "institutions" and inserting in place thereof the word "institu-
4 tions".

1 SECTION 4. Said Section 35 of said Chapter 123 of the Gen-
2 eral Laws is further amended by adding the following para-
3 graph:—

4 The department of public health shall establish and maintain
5 no less than fifteen secure treatment beds for females to meet the
6 requirements of this section.

1 SECTION 5. Section 7 of Chapter 111B of the General Laws,
2 as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out line 26-29 the
3 following words:— or if any person is committed for rehabilita-
4 tive purposes to the Massachusetts correctional institution,
5 Bridgewater or to the Massachusetts correctional institution,
6 Framingham, he shall be required to remain for a period of not
7 less than ten days.