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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Frederick E. Berry

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:

An Act requiring employees at residential facilities licensed by the department of mental health to be equipped with panic buttons.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Frederick E. Berry	☐ *[District]* ☐
John F. Keenan	☐ *[District]* ☐
Anthony W. Petruccelli	☐ *[District]* ☐
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex, Suffolk, and Essex*
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*
Theodore C. Speliotis	*13th Essex*
Bruce E. Tarr	☐ *[District]* ☐

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By Mr. Berry, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2006) of Frederick E. Berry, John F. Keenan, Anthony W. Petruccelli, Sal N. DiDomenico and other members of the General Court for legislation requiring employees at residential facilities licensed by the department of mental health to be equipped with panic buttons. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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An Act requiring employees at residential facilities licensed by the department of mental health to be equipped with panic buttons.

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

SECTION 1. This act may be cited as "Stephanie's Law".

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a residential facility licensed by the department of mental health shall, as a condition of licensure, provide to the commissioner, upon application for initial license and upon any renewal thereof, evidence that the facility has supplied each employee with a panic button or similar security alert system that allows the employee to call for help in the event of an emergency.