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By Mr. Miceli of Wilmington, petition of James R. Miceli relative to Department of Mental Health patients. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

James R. Miceli  
Al Donovan

John Mackey

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS.

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

- 1 Chapter 123 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 after section 8 the following section:—
- 3 Section 8A. The chief of police or his designee of any city or
- 4 town containing a facility of the department shall be a full voting
- 5 member of any group or panel determining the fitness of any patient
- 6 requesting or being considered for unescorted privileges. The med-
- 7 ical, psychiatric, forensic, clinical and criminal records and sex
- 8 offender registry records shall be made available to the chief or his
- 9 designee. Unescorted privileges shall be the release of any patient or
- 10 client while under the direct care or custody of the department into a
- 11 community without being under the direct supervision or care of a
- 12 staff person of the department.