

HOUSE No. 1908

By Ms. Story of Amherst, petition of Ellen Story and others relative to the counting of homeless mentally ill persons by area boards of the Department of Mental Health. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Ellen Story	Angelo M. Scaccia
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Barbara A. L'Italien	

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COUNTING OF HOMELESS MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS BY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AREA BOARDS.

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 15 of chapter 19 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
- 2 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsec-
- 3 tion (b) the following new subsection:
- 4 to count from time to time the number of homeless individuals
- 5 utilizing Department of Mental Health services in their area in order
- 6 to accurately gauge the need for services among this population.