

# A LIFELINE



**for those concerned  
about a loved one's**

# ADDICTION

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 123, Section 35 permits individuals to petition the courts to involuntarily commit family members to an inpatient treatment program when their alcohol or drug use puts themselves or others at risk.

**Get FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE  
with Section 35 petitions. Contact:  
SECTION 35 HELPLINE\***

**(844) 843-6221  
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*\*The 'SECTION 35' HELPLINE is a pilot project created by Massachusetts Bar Association President Robert W. Harnais to help friends and families who are struggling with a loved one's substance abuse. Callers will be referred to volunteer lawyers for assistance.*