

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1276**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John C. Velis*

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to address mental health and substance use needs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*John C. Velis*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Hampden and Hampshire*

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1276) of John C. Velis for legislation to address mental health and substance use needs. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act to address mental health and substance use needs.

*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 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 official edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following section:-

3 There shall be a mental health and substance use disorder grant program established  
4 within the department of mental health for the purpose of addressing increased mental health and  
5 substance use needs.