

HOUSE No. 2206

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act futher prohibiting discrimination in sober housing..

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 1. Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking out section 22 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

3 Section 22. “Lodging house”, as used in sections twenty-two to thirty-one, inclusive,
4 shall mean a house where lodgings are let to four or more persons not within the second degree
5 of kindred to the person conducting it, and shall include fraternity houses and dormitories of
6 educational institutions, but shall not include dormitories of charitable or philanthropic
7 institutions or convalescent or nursing homes licensed, or group residences licensed or regulated
8 by agencies of the commonwealth under section seventy-one of chapter one hundred and eleven
9 or rest homes so licensed, or homes occupied by recovering alcoholics or drug addicts, who are
10 deemed handicapped pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 3602, and who are living together as a single
11 housekeeping unit.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 148 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official
13 Edition, is hereby amended by deleting the second paragraph of section 26H and inserting in
14 place thereof the following paragraph:

15 For the purpose of this section “lodging house” or “boarding house” shall mean a house
16 where lodgings are let to six or more persons not within the second degree of kindred to the
17 person conducting it, but shall not include fraternity houses or dormitories, rest homes or group
18 residences licensed or regulated by agencies of the commonwealth, or homes occupied by
19 recovering alcoholics or drug addicts, who are deemed handicapped pursuant to 42 U.S.C.
20 § 3602, and who are living together as a single housekeeping unit.