

HOUSE No. 4254

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to inhalant abuse ..

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. Section 35 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place
3 thereof the following paragraph:-

4 For the purposes of this section, “substance abuser” shall mean a person who chronically
5 or habitually consumes or ingests controlled substances or who intentionally inhales toxic vapors
6 to the extent that (1) such use substantially injures his health or substantially interferes with his
7 social or economic functioning, or (2) he has lost the power of self-control over the use of such
8 controlled substances or toxic vapors.