

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 641**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Michael A. Costello***

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*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 prohibiting discrimination in sober housing..**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael A. Costello</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	<i>1/18/2011</i>

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By Mr. Costello of Newburyport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 641) of Michael A. Costello relative to automatic sprinkler systems in sober houses for recovering substance abusers. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2206 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act 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.