

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1168**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Martin J. Walsh***

*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 establishing a special commission to make an investigation and study of the feasibility of a pilot program for accreditation of alcohol-and drug-free housing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>
<i>John Hart, Jr.</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	

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By Mr. Walsh of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1168) of Martin J. Walsh and others for an investigation by a special commission relative to the feasibility of a pilot program for the accreditation of alcohol-and drug-free housing. Housing.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act establishing a special commission to make an investigation and study of the feasibility of a pilot program for accreditation of alcohol-and drug-free 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. There is hereby established a special commission consisting of the  
2 commissioner of the department of public health or designee, who shall serve as chair, the  
3 director of the department of housing and community development or designee, the  
4 commissioner of the department of children and families or designee, the commissioner of  
5 department of correction or designee, the chair of the parole board or designee, the commissioner  
6 of the department of probation or designee, the president of the Massachusetts sheriff’s  
7 association or designee, the executive director of the Massachusetts municipal association or  
8 designee, the executive director of the Massachusetts chiefs of police association or designee,  
9 one representative each from the Association for Behavioral Health and the Recovery Homes  
10 Collaborative, one member to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and  
11 one member to be appointed by the senate president for the purpose of making an investigation  
12 and study relative to the feasibility of a pilot program for accreditation of alcohol-and drug-free  
13 housing, hereinafter referred to as ADF housing.

14 SECTION 2. Such investigation and study shall include: (1) an evaluation of the current  
15 ADF housing models in Massachusetts, including but not limited to (a) an analysis of the  
16 business models and management structures of such housing; (b) an examination of rules and  
17 requirements governing residence in ADF housing as they currently operate, including rules  
18 related to children of ADF housing tenants; and (c) an analysis of the best practices currently in  
19 existence among ADF housing operators in Massachusetts; and (2) an evaluation of the  
20 feasibility of establishing a pilot program for accreditation of ADF housing.

21           Said commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and  
22 study, together with its recommendations and drafts the legislation necessary to carry said  
23 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the  
24 house of representatives and the house and senate chairs of the committee on substance abuse  
25 and mental health on or before June 30, 2013.