

HOUSE No. 3207

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carole A. Fiola

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 ensure safe living conditions in sober homes.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Carole A. Fiola</i> | <i>6th Bristol</i> | <i>1/19/2017</i> |
| <i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i> | <i>8th Bristol</i> | |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i> | <i>36th Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>James J. O'Day</i> | <i>14th Worcester</i> | |
| <i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i> | <i>28th Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i> | <i>2nd Hampden</i> | <i>3/13/2017</i> |
| <i>Bruce J. Ayers</i> | <i>1st Norfolk</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i> | <i>13th Bristol</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i> | <i>5th Suffolk</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Claire D. Cronin</i> | <i>11th Plymouth</i> | <i>3/13/2017</i> |
| <i>Michael S. Day</i> | <i>31st Middlesex</i> | <i>3/16/2017</i> |
| <i>David F. DeCoste</i> | <i>5th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Michelle M. DuBois</i> | <i>10th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/31/2017</i> |
| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i> | <i>1st Worcester</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Carmine L. Gentile</i> | <i>13th Middlesex</i> | <i>3/17/2017</i> |
| <i>Carlos González</i> | <i>10th Hampden</i> | <i>3/15/2017</i> |
| <i>Hannah Kane</i> | <i>11th Worcester</i> | <i>3/15/2017</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i> | <i>11th Middlesex</i> | <i>3/17/2017</i> |

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| <i>James M. Murphy</i> | <i>4th Norfolk</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Brian Murray</i> | <i>10th Worcester</i> | <i>3/16/2017</i> |
| <i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i> | <i>3rd Bristol</i> | <i>3/17/2017</i> |
| <i>Denise Provost</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i> | <i>10th Norfolk</i> | <i>3/13/2017</i> |
| <i>Alan Silvia</i> | <i>7th Bristol</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Thomas M. Stanley</i> | <i>9th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>RoseLee Vincent</i> | <i>16th Suffolk</i> | <i>3/16/2017</i> |
| <i>Chris Walsh</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Timothy R. Whelan</i> | <i>1st Barnstable</i> | <i>1/31/2017</i> |

HOUSE No. 3207

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3207) of Carole A. Fiola and others relative to certified alcohol and drug free housing. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to ensure safe living conditions in sober homes.

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 18A of chapter 17 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding the following subsection:-

3 (i) An operator seeking certification pursuant to this section shall submit to the bureau
4 evidence that: (1) the alcohol and drug free housing has been inspected by the city or town's
5 building or housing inspector within 60 days of the date of application for certification; and (2)
6 that there are no current violations of state and local building codes, by-laws and sanitary codes.
7 Upon certification by the bureau, the operator shall cause such housing to be re-inspected
8 annually by state or local building or sanitary code inspectors for compliance with state and local
9 building codes, by-laws and sanitary codes. Failure to remedy state or local building codes, by-
10 laws and sanitary code violations shall result in denial of certification or decertification from the
11 list of certified alcohol and drug free housing.

12 SECTION 2. The department of public health shall promulgate rules and regulations to
13 implement to provisions of this act.