

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3504**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Brian M. Ashe and John C. Velis***

*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 increase addiction treatment services.**

PETITION OF:

| NAME:   | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                                      | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i>                                  | <i>2nd Hampden</i>                                     | <i>1/19/2017</i> |
| <i>John C. Velis</i>                                  | <i>4th Hampden</i>                                     | <i>1/19/2017</i> |
| <i>Carlos González</i>                                | <i>10th Hampden</i>                                    | <i>1/19/2017</i> |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>                         | <i>12th Hampden</i>                                    | <i>1/19/2017</i> |
| <i>Nicholas Cocchi (Hampden County Sheriff)</i>       | <i>95 Liberty St, Springfield, MA 01103</i>            | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>Thomas Bowler (Berkshire County Sheriff)</i>       | <i>467 Cheshire Rd, Pittsfield, MA 01201</i>           | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>Thomas M. Hodgson (Bristol County Sheriff)</i>     | <i>400 Faunce Corner Rd, North Dartmouth, MA 02747</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>Robert W. Ogden (Dukes County Sheriff)</i>         | <i>81 Main St #201, Edgartown, MA 02539</i>            | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>Michael G. Bellotti (Norfolk County Sheriff)</i>   | <i>200 West St, Dedham, MA 02026</i>                   | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>Peter J. Koutoujian (Middlesex County Sheriff)</i> | <i>400 Mystic Ave, Medford, MA 02155</i>               | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>Patrick Cahillane (Hampshire County Sheriff)</i>   | <i>492 Pleasant St, Northampton, MA 01060</i>          | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |

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| <i>James A. Perelman (Nantucket County Sheriff)</i>  | <i>20 S Water St, Nantucket, MA 02554</i>           | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>James M. Cummings (Barnstable County Sheriff)</i> | <i>6000 Sheriff's Place, Buzzards Bay, MA 02542</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>Mathew Muratore</i>                               | <i>1st Plymouth</i>                                 | <i>1/19/2017</i> |
| <i>Shawn Dooley</i>                                  | <i>9th Norfolk</i>                                  | <i>1/19/2017</i> |
| <i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>                           | <i>1st Berkshire</i>                                | <i>1/19/2017</i> |
| <i>Bud Williams</i>                                  | <i>11th Hampden</i>                                 | <i>1/19/2017</i> |
| <i>James J. O'Day</i>                                | <i>14th Worcester</i>                               | <i>1/19/2017</i> |
| <i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>                                | <i>10th Norfolk</i>                                 | <i>1/19/2017</i> |

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By Messrs. Ashe of Longmeadow and Velis of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3504) of Brian M. Ashe, John C. Velis and others that the commissioner of Public Health be authorized to establish a marijuana addiction treatment fund. Marijuana Policy.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act to increase addiction treatment services.

*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 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 2VVVV, as inserted by section 41 of chapter 133 of the acts of 2016, the following  
3 section:-

4 Section 2WWWW. There shall be a Marijuana Addiction Treatment Fund. The fund  
5 shall be administered by the commissioner of public health. There shall be credited to the fund  
6 an amount equal to 5 per cent of the excise taxes on the sale of marijuana or marijuana products  
7 collected by the commissioner of revenue pursuant to section 2 of chapter 64N. Expenditures  
8 from the fund shall be made to support public and private addiction treatment programs  
9 throughout the commonwealth. The department of public health may incur expenses and the  
10 comptroller may certify amounts for payment in anticipation of expected receipts; provided,  
11 however, that no expenditure shall be made from the fund which shall cause the fund to be  
12 deficient at the close of a fiscal year. Amounts credited to the fund shall not be subject to further

13 appropriation and money remaining in the fund at the close of a fiscal year shall not revert to the  
14 General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years.

15 SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 64N of the General Laws, as inserted by chapter 334 of  
16 the acts of 2016, is hereby amended by striking out the figure “3.75” and inserting in place  
17 thereof the following figure:- 8.75