

SENATE No. 1081

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William N. Brownsberger

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 authorize public health workers to pursue new measures to reduce harm and stigma for people affected by substance use disorder.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>William N. Brownsberger</i> | <i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Julian Cyr</i> | <i>Cape and Islands</i> | <i>1/24/2017</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>1/27/2017</i> |
| <i>Jack Lewis</i> | <i>7th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Mary S. Keefe</i> | <i>15th Worcester</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Denise Provost</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i> | <i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i> | <i>Fourth Middlesex</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Paul R. Heroux</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i> | <i>8th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i> | <i>25th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Mike Connolly</i> | <i>26th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i> | <i>Second Middlesex</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Barrett</i> | <i>Third Middlesex</i> | <i>5/18/2017</i> |
| <i>Cindy F. Friedman</i> | <i>Fourth Middlesex</i> | <i>10/2/2017</i> |

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By Mr. Brownsberger, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1081) of William N. Brownsberger, Julian Cyr, James B. Eldridge, Jack Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to authorize public health workers to pursue new measures to reduce harm and stigma for people affected by substance use disorder. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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

An Act to authorize public health workers to pursue new measures to reduce harm and stigma for people affected by substance use disorder.

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 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

3 Section 215A.

4 (a) A “safer drug consumption program” provides a space for people who use drugs to
5 consume pre–obtained drugs under the supervision of healthcare professionals or other trained
6 staff and may provide other related services including but not limited to needle exchange,
7 overdose prevention, and referrals to treatment and other services.

8 (b) The Department of Public Health may approve the implementation of safer drug
9 consumption programs in cities and towns. Prior to implementation of a of safer drug
10 consumption program, approval shall be obtained from the Board of Health in the hosting city or

11 town. The city or town shall, in a manner determined by the Department, provide notice of such
12 approval to the Department.

13 (c) Not later than one year after the implementation of a safer drug consumption program,
14 the Department shall report the results of the program and any recommendations by filing the
15 same with the senate and house chairs of the joint committee on health care financing and the
16 house and senate chairs of the joint committee on public safety and homeland security