

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1753**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***William M. Straus***

*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 relative to mental health and substance abuse treatment facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>

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By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1753) of William M. Straus relative to mental health and substance abuse treatment facilities. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1075 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act relative to mental health and substance abuse treatment facilities.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 19 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following section at the end thereof:-

3 Section 25. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, within 60 days of  
4 hiring an employee or independent contractor who may offer professional services to a patient, a  
5 mental health facility, alcohol treatment facility or drug treatment facility shall use reasonable  
6 efforts to confirm that all degrees, licenses and certificates claimed by the employee or  
7 independent contractor in connection with the application process have been obtained and are in  
8 good standing.