

SENATE No. 1264

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins

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 certification of sober homes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Nick Collins

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Suffolk

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By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1264) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to certification of sober homes. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act certification of 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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all sober
2 homes in the Commonwealth shall be required to be certified by the Massachusetts Alliance for
3 Sober Housing prior to approval by the local municipality.

4 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, prior to
5 operation, any sober home in the Commonwealth shall submit a management plan to the
6 Department of Public Health for review and approval, including but not limited to: ownership,
7 financing, administration, staffing, community engagement, hours of operation, and recovery
8 services.