

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.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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.