

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 144**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce J. Ayers*

*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 dedicating one-percent of the recreational marijuana excise tax to youth substance use prevention.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 144) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to dedicating one-percent of the recreational marijuana excise to youth substance use prevention. Cannabis Policy.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 103 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act dedicating one-percent of the recreational marijuana excise tax to youth substance use prevention.

*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. Section 4 of chapter 334 of the acts of 2016 is hereby amended, in section  
2 2, by striking out the word “3.75” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- 4.75

3 SECTION 2. Section 4 of chapter 334 of the acts of 2016 is hereby amended, in section  
4 2, by inserting the following at the end thereof:

5 One percent of the tax imposed under this section shall be deposited into the Prevention  
6 and Wellness Trust Fund for the cost of evidence-based public health programs dedicated to  
7 primary prevention of youth substance use.