

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2214**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 substance use disorder evaluations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/21/2025</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2025</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2214) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to substance use disorder evaluations. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1991 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 relative to substance use disorder evaluations.

*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 51 ½ of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (h) the following subsection:

3           (i) The department of public health shall annually collect, in a manner to be determined  
4 by the department, the frequency and location of substance abuse evaluations ordered pursuant to  
5 this section. The department of public health shall include in the report the number of persons  
6 who received a substance abuse evaluation and returned to an acute care facility within the same  
7 calendar year for treatment related to an opioid overdose. The department shall report such  
8 information to the joint committee on health care financing, the joint committee on mental health  
9 and substance abuse, and the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than  
10 January 1, annually.