

HOUSE No.

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: |
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| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i> | <i>20th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/15/2025</i> |

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1991 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

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 1. Section 51 ½ of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official 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.