

HOUSE No. 1168

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Martin J. Walsh

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a special commission to make an investigation and study of the feasibility of a pilot program for accreditation of alcohol-and drug-free housing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>John Hart, Jr.</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Walsh of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1168) of Martin J. Walsh, John Hart, Jr. and Sean Garballey establishing a special commission (including members of the General Court) to make an investigation and study of the feasibility of a pilot program for accreditation of alcohol-and drug-free housing. Housing.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act establishing a special commission to make an investigation and study of the feasibility of a pilot program for accreditation of alcohol-and drug-free housing.

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. There is hereby established a special commission consisting of the
2 commissioner of the department of public health or designee, who shall serve as chair, the
3 director of the department of housing and community development or designee, the
4 commissioner of the department of children and families or designee, the commissioner of
5 department of correction or designee, the chair of the parole board or designee, the commissioner
6 of the department of probation or designee, the president of the Massachusetts sheriff’s
7 association or designee, the executive director of the Massachusetts municipal association or
8 designee, the executive director of the Massachusetts chiefs of police association or designee,
9 one representative each from the Association for Behavioral Health and the Recovery Homes
10 Collaborative, one member to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and
11 one member to be appointed by the senate president for the purpose of making an investigation
12 and study relative to the feasibility of a pilot program for accreditation of alcohol-and drug-free
13 housing, hereinafter referred to as ADF housing.

14 SECTION 2. Such investigation and study shall include: (1) an evaluation of the current
15 ADF housing models in Massachusetts, including but not limited to (a) an analysis of the
16 business models and management structures of such housing; (b) an examination of rules and
17 requirements governing residence in ADF housing as they currently operate, including rules
18 related to children of ADF housing tenants; and (c) an analysis of the best practices currently in
19 existence among ADF housing operators in Massachusetts; and (2) an evaluation of the
20 feasibility of establishing a pilot program for accreditation of ADF housing.

21 Said commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and
22 study, together with its recommendations and drafts the legislation necessary to carry said
23 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the
24 house of representatives and the house and senate chairs of the committee on substance abuse
25 and mental health on or before June 30, 2013.