

HOUSE No. 1742

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Murphy

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 public safety notification for sober homes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1742) of James M. Murphy, Carole A. Fiola and Bruce J. Ayers that the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services be required to notify local public safety departments upon certification of sober homes, so-called. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1074 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**
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An Act relative to public safety notification for 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: Departments of public safety shall mean any department which provides
2 emergency services in a community including fire departments, police departments, and
3 emergency medical service providers.

4 SECTION 2: Chapter 17, Section 18A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing
5 in the 2014 official edition, is hereby amended in subsection (f) by inserting after the word
6 “rehabilitation” the following words: ‘departments of public safety in municipalities where
7 homes are located’

8 SECTION 3: Chapter 17, Section 18A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing
9 in the 2014 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section (h) the following:

10 (x) Upon certification of a sober home, the bureau shall provide notification to
11 departments of public safety in the municipality where the home is located. This notification
12 shall include the address, name, and contact information for each sober housing location.