

HOUSE No. 3167

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Cantwell

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 funding youth substance use prevention through a fee on licensed marijuana establishments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3167) of James M. Cantwell, Bruce J. Ayers and Thomas J. Calter for legislation to authorize the cannabis control commission to assess an annual fee on licensed marijuana retail stores, product manufacturers, and cultivators. Marijuana Policy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act funding youth substance use prevention through a fee on licensed marijuana establishments.

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 5 of chapter 334 of the acts of 2016 is hereby amended, in section
2 4, by inserting the following subparagraph:

3 (1) In addition to the license, registration, and monetary penalties collected pursuant to
4 this chapter, the commission shall assess an annual fee of not less than 2,000,000 in proportional
5 shares against each licensed marijuana retail store, product manufacturer, and cultivator in
6 proportion to the gross annual income earned by each establishment. Such fees shall be deposited
7 into the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund, established in section 2G of Chapter 111, for the
8 purposes of funding evidence-based public health programs dedicated to universal youth
9 substance use prevention. The first assessment of such fee shall occur two years following when
10 the combined total of actively licensed retail stores, manufacturers, cultivators reaches 1,000
11 establishments.