

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kay Khan

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 the substance abuse health protection fund

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex

HOUSE No. 01696

By Ms. Kay Khan of Newton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01696) of Denise Provost and others relative to establishing a substance abuse health protection fund with collections from the sale of certain alcoholic beverages . Joint Committee on Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE O HOUSE , NO. 3954 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act establishing the substance abuse health protection fund \Box .

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. Subsection (g) of Section 6 of Chapter 64H of the General Laws, as

2 appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 72, the

3 following words:- "and one hundred and thirty-eight".

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 10 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting

5 after section 35BB the new following section:-

6 Section 35CC. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth 7 a separate fund to be known as the substance abuse health protection fund. There shall be 8 credited to said fund all amounts collected under Sections 2 and 6(h) of Chapter 64H from the

sale of alcoholic beverages that are not considered to be sales of meals, together with any 9 penalties, forfeitures, interest, costs of suits and fines collected in connection therewith, less all 10 amounts refunded or abated in connection therewith, all as determined by the commissioner of 11 revenue according to his best information and belief; any appropriation, grant, gift, or other 12 contribution explicitly made to aid fund; and any income derived from the investment of 13 14 amounts credited to said fund; 50 per cent of the amounts credited to such fund shall be expended without further appropriation, by the department of public health to provide funding, 15 or supplement existing levels of funding, for the following purposes:-16

17 For a comprehensive substance abuse treatment program, to be administered by the department 18 of public health, for the treatment of individuals who are dependent on or addicted to alcohol or 19 controlled substances, and who lack public or private health insurance that would provide 20 coverage for such treatment.

Subject to the approval of the department of public health, for comprehensive school health education programs to be administered by the department of education; provided that such programs shall incorporate information relating to the hazards of alcohol and controlled substance use; and

Subject to the approval of the department of public health, for substance abuse treatment
programs administered by the office of community corrections, the department of corrections,
the department of social services, the department of youth services, and the office of the
commissioner of probation;

29 For community and workplace-based and community substance abuse prevention and drinking

30 cessation programs, for substance abuse-related public service advertising and for drug and

31 alcohol education program, to be administered by the department of public health.

32 The commissioner of public health shall annually file a report with the house and senate

33 committees on ways and means and the joint committee on public health detailing the activity of

34 the fund.

35 The remaining 50 per cent of such amounts shall be expended without further appropriation by

36 the department of education for the purposes of chapter 70.