

HOUSE No. 1753

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William M. Straus

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 mental health and substance abuse treatment facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

William M. Straus

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

10th Bristol

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By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1753) of William M. Straus relative to mental health and substance abuse treatment facilities. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1075 OF 2017-2018.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to mental health and substance abuse treatment facilities.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 19 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by adding the following section at the end thereof:-

3 Section 25. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, within 60 days of
4 hiring an employee or independent contractor who may offer professional services to a patient, a
5 mental health facility, alcohol treatment facility or drug treatment facility shall use reasonable
6 efforts to confirm that all degrees, licenses and certificates claimed by the employee or
7 independent contractor in connection with the application process have been obtained and are in
8 good standing.