

HOUSE No. 2100

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradford Hill

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 to fund comprehensive public awareness campaigns to include mental health harms of marijuana use.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>

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By Mr. Hill of Ipswich, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2100) of Bradford Hill for legislation to fund comprehensive public awareness campaigns to include mental health harms of marijuana use. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to fund comprehensive public awareness campaigns to include mental health harms of marijuana use.

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 14 of chapter 94G of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking clause (b) and inserting in place thereof the following:

3 (b) Money in the fund shall be subject to appropriation. Money in the fund shall be
4 expended for the implementation, administration and enforcement of this chapter by the
5 commission and by the department of agricultural resources for the implementation,
6 administration and enforcement of sections 116 to 123, inclusive, of chapter 128 and the
7 provision of pesticide control pursuant to chapter 132B. Thereafter, money in the fund shall be
8 expended for: (i) public and behavioral health including but not limited to, evidence-based and
9 evidence-informed substance use prevention and treatment and substance use early intervention
10 services in a recurring grant for school districts or community coalitions who operate on the
11 strategic prevention framework or similar structure for youth substance use education and
12 prevention; (ii) at least \$3,000,000 dollars of cannabis tax revenues annually shall go to the

13 Massachusetts Department of Public Health and be used for research, development and
14 implementation of mass and social media campaigns to educate the public on health risks
15 associated with marijuana/THC consumption, including but not limited to, the risks to mental
16 health (e.g, increased risk of psychosis, schizophrenia, suicidal thoughts, etc), risk of use during
17 pregnancy, risks of early use, and use of high potency products to include risks of home
18 extraction of marijuana concentrates. The vendor selected for this public health awareness
19 campaign shall have experience with similar campaigns and shall be selected jointly by the
20 Department of Public Health and Department of Mental Health. (iii) public safety; (iv) municipal
21 police training; (v) the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund established in section 2G of chapter
22 111; and (vi) programming for restorative justice, jail diversion, workforce development,
23 industry specific technical assistance, and mentoring services for economically-disadvantaged
24 persons in communities disproportionately impacted by high rates of arrest and incarceration for
25 marijuana offenses pursuant to chapter 94C.