

HOUSE No. 4147

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carole A. Fiola

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 licensing requirements for marijuana establishments and medical marijuana treatment centers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Carole A. Fiola

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

6th Bristol

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By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carole A. Fiola relative to licensing requirements for marijuana establishments and medical marijuana treatment centers. Cannabis Policy.

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

An Act relative to licensing requirements for marijuana establishments and medical marijuana treatment centers.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to forthwith make changes in law relative to licensing requirements for marijuana establishments and medical marijuana treatment centers, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

1 Subsection (d) of section 3 of chapter 94G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 An agreement required by this subsection or any demonstration of support or non-
4 opposition from a host community required as part of the application for registration of a medical
5 marijuana treatment center shall not be valid unless the agreement, demonstration of support or
6 non-opposition is: (i) in the case of a town, approved by majority vote of the select board; or (ii)
7 in the case of a city, approved by majority vote of the city council, with the approval of the
8 mayor or the chief executive officer in a city that does not have a mayor. A select board or city
9 council vote to approve such an agreement, demonstration of support or non-opposition shall not

10 be valid unless notice is posted at least 7 days prior to the meeting when such vote is taken. The
11 notice shall clearly articulate that the select board or city council intends to consider and may
12 vote on the approval of such an agreement, demonstration of support or non-opposition. The
13 notice shall be filed with the municipal clerk and posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the
14 public at all hours in or on the municipal building in which the clerk's office is located.