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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Diana DiZoglio***

*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 best practices for sober homes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Diana DiZoglio and others that the Department of Public Health be authorized to establish a task force to investigate best practices for alcohol and drug free housing. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to best practices for sober homes.

*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 18A of chapter 17 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting after the word “practices”, in line 18, the following words:- ,comply with standards of  
3 best practice as established by rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this section.

4           SECTION 2. Section 18A of said chapter 17 of the General Laws is hereby further  
5 amended by adding the following subsection:

6           (i) The department of public health shall establish a special task force on alcohol and  
7 drug free housing to investigate best practices for alcohol and drug free housing in the  
8 commonwealth, including but not limited to; (i) the presence of on-site supervisors; (ii) access to  
9 treatment; (iii) proper medication dispensing practices; (iv) local zoning control over such  
10 housing; and (v) persons released on probation for drug-related offenses and ordered to reside in  
11 such housing, including the recidivism rate of such persons and the role of the probation officers  
12 and the sheriff’s department in the process of monitoring such persons after their release to such

13 housing. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing standards of best  
14 practice for alcohol and drug free housing based on the results of the investigation conducted by  
15 the task force.