

SENATE No. 751

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven A. Tolman

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 providing for a study of sober homes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Steven A. Tolman	Second Suffolk and Middlesex
Joyce A. Spiliotis	12th Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01141 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A STUDY OF 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 That the bureau of substance abuse services, in consultation with the department of public
2 health, shall conduct a study of alcohol and substance free housing, known as “sober homes”,
3 including the problems that occur in this form of housing.

4 The bureau shall report to the general court the results of its study and its
5 recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its
6 recommendations into effect by filing the same with the clerk of the senate, the joint committee
7 on mental health and substance abuse and the senate and house committees on ways and means
8 no later than December 31, 2010.