

SENATE No. 00996

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 the study of substance abuse among seniors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Steven A. Tolman

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Suffolk and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tolman, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 996) of Tolman for legislation to provide for the study of substance abuse among seniors [Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse].

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act providing for the study of substance abuse among seniors.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the bureau of
2 substance abuse services, in consultation with the executive office of elder affairs, shall conduct
3 a study of alcohol and substance abuse among seniors. The study shall include, but not be
4 limited to an examination of what alcohol and substance abuse issues pertain to the senior
5 population, programs offered in other states that address this issue, and steps that can be taken to
6 curb alcohol and substance abuse issues among seniors.

7 The bureau shall report to the general court the results of its study and its
8 recommendations, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry out its recommendations
9 by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the joint committee
10 on mental health and substance abuse, the joint committee on elder affairs and the senate and
11 house committees on ways and means not later than December 31, 2011.