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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Tolman, Steven (SEN)**

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*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.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Tolman, Steven (SEN) | Second Suffolk and Middlesex |

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

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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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:*

 That the bureau of substance abuse services, in consultation with the department of public health, shall conduct a study of alcohol and substance free housing, known as “sober homes”, including the problems that occur in this form of housing.

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