

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael A. Costello

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 futher prohibiting discrimination in sober housing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Michael A. Costello	1st Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2297 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT FUTHER PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN SOBER HOUSING.

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. Chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 22 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

3 Section 22. "Lodging house", as used in sections twenty-two to thirty-one, inclusive, shall mean
4 a house where lodgings are let to four or more persons not within the second degree of kindred to the
5 person conducting it, and shall include fraternity houses and dormitories of educational institutions, but
6 shall not include dormitories of charitable or philanthropic institutions or convalescent or nursing homes
7 licensed, or group residences licensed or regulated by agencies of the commonwealth under section
8 seventy-one of chapter one hundred and eleven or rest homes so licensed, or homes occupied by
9 recovering alcoholics or drug addicts, who are deemed handicapped pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 3602, and
10 who are living together as a single housekeeping unit.

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13 SECTION 2. Chapter 148 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby
14 amended by deleting the second paragraph of section 26H and inserting in place thereof the following
15 paragraph:

16 For the purpose of this section "lodging house" or "boarding house" shall mean a house where lodgings
17 are let to six or more persons not within the second degree of kindred to the person conducting it, but
18 shall not include fraternity houses or dormitories, rest homes or group residences licensed or regulated by
19 agencies of the commonwealth, or homes occupied by recovering alcoholics or drug addicts, who are
20 deemed handicapped pursuant to 42 U.S.C.
21 § 3602, and who are living together as a single housekeeping unit.