

SENATE NO. 1144

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SUBSTANCE ADDICTION TREATMENT

*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 29 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 2XX the following section: -
3 Section 2AAA. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a
4 separate fund to be known as the Substance Abuse Health Protection Fund. Amounts credited to
5 said fund shall be expended, subject to appropriation, to provide funding, or supplement
6 existing levels of funding, for the following purposes:
7 (a) For a comprehensive substance abuse treatment program, to be administered by the
8 department of public health, for the treatment of individuals who are dependent on or addicted
9 to alcohol or controlled substances, or both alcohol and controlled substances, and who lack
10 public or private health insurance that would provide coverage for such treatment; (b) To fund
11 such substance abuse treatment programs that are administered by the office of community
12 corrections, the department of corrections, the department of social services, the department of
13 youth services, and the office of the commissioner of probation; (c) For comprehensive school

14 health education programs, to be administered by the department of education, provided that
15 such programs shall incorporate information relating to the hazards of alcohol and controlled
16 substances use; and (d) For workplace-based and community substance abuse prevention and
17 drinking cessation programs, for substance abuse-related public service advertising and for drug
18 and alcohol education programs, to be administered by the department of public health.

19 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding clause (g) of section 6 of chapter 64H or any other general or
20 special law to the contrary, there shall be a sales tax of 5 per cent on each vendors gross receipts
21 on each sale at retail of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption. Notwithstanding
22 any general or special law to the contrary, the proceeds of said tax together with any penalties,
23 forfeitures, interest, costs of suits and fines collected in connection therewith, all as determined
24 by the commissioner of revenue according to his best information and belief shall be credited to
25 the Substance Abuse Health Protection Fund. Any appropriation, grant, gift, or other
26 contribution explicitly made to said fund at any time, and any income derived from the
27 investment of amounts credited to said fund shall also be credited to the Substance Abuse
28 Protection Fund .