

HOUSE No. 3811

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Diana DiZoglio

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act regulating oxycontin prescriptions for minors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Brian A. Joyce</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps Lee</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Diana DiZoglio and others for legislation to regulate the dispensing or distribution of medications containing oxycontin to persons under the age of seventeen. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act regulating oxycontin prescriptions for minors.

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. The General Court finds and declares that every day 2,500 American youth
2 abuse a prescription pain reliever for the first time. A study from the National Institute on Drug
3 abuse found that in 2014, nearly 1 in 30 high school seniors have abused OxyContin. In 2009,
4 the Massachusetts Oxycontin and Heroin Commission found that in 2007 alone there were 4,544
5 substance abuse treatment admissions in the Commonwealth for citizens ages 15-19 and that this
6 age group accounts for 4.3 per cent of all substance abuse treatment admissions. The commission
7 found that the second most common source for obtaining prescription opioids was through a
8 physician. Massachusetts has a duty to the children of the commonwealth to regulate the
9 distribution of oxycontin to these vulnerable citizens.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
11 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 36, the following section:-

12 Section 36A. (a) No pharmacy or pharmacist shall issue, dispense or distribute
13 medications or prescriptions containing oxycontin to any person under the age of 17.

14 (b) No practitioner, registered nurse or licensed practical nurse authorized to administer,
15 utilize, dispense or prescribe a controlled substance in the commonwealth shall prescribe any
16 medication or prescription containing oxycontin to any person under the age of 17.