

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4973**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Paul W. Mark*

*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 establishing the Franklin County Sheriff’s opioid use disorder education, treatment and recovery fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Paul W. Mark*

*2nd Berkshire*

*Joanne M. Comerford*

*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*

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By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul W. Mark and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to establish an opioid use disorder education, treatment and recovery fund within the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act establishing the Franklin County Sheriff’s opioid use disorder education, treatment and recovery fund.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish a separate fund to be known as the Franklin County Sheriff Opioid Fund to be administered by the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 35NNN the following section:-

3 SECTION 35000. (a) There shall be established and set upon the books of the  
4 commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Franklin County Sheriff Opioid Fund to be  
5 administered by the Franklin county sheriff’s office.

6 (b) The purpose of the Fund shall be in Franklin County.

7 (c) There shall be credited to the Fund all amounts that are, by law, transferred or  
8 authorized to be transferred thereto or directed to be deposited therein, and all amounts received

9 as gifts, grants or contributions for the purposes of the Fund. Amounts credited to the Fund shall  
10 not be subject to further appropriation and any money remaining in the Fund at the end of a fiscal  
11 year shall not revert to the General Fund.