

**SENATE . . . . . No. 888**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act to ensure safe medication administration..

*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. Section 7 of chapter 94C of the General Laws as most recently appearing in  
2 the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (h), the following new  
3 subsection:-

4 (i) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, only a dentist, nurse,  
5 physician, podiatrist, perfusionist, optometrist or veterinarian licensed as a professional by  
6 chapter 112 of the General Laws, or any student enrolled in a course of study for said profession  
7 acting under the supervision of said licensed person and in accordance with the General Laws,  
8 may administer any controlled substance in schedule II, III, IV, V or VI of Section 3 of chapter  
9 94C of the General Laws. This shall not be construed to prohibit the following: (1) self-  
10 administration (2) administration of epinephrine pens in an emergency; (3) administration of  
11 controlled substances by emergency medical system personnel or (4) administration of controlled  
12 substances by any ill, injured or infirm person's domestic partner or family member(s). For the  
13 purposes of this section, "self-administration" shall include the ability of any ill, injured or infirm  
14 person who has sufficient understanding of their prescribed controlled substance(s); the

15 indications and contraindications for such controlled substance(s); a recollection of the  
16 administration schedule for such controlled substance(s) and an ability to communicate this  
17 knowledge and the experienced effect of having taken a controlled substance, to supervise an  
18 unlicensed person in the direct administration of such controlled substance(s) to them.