

**SENATE . . . . . No. 998**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Steven A. Tolman***

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*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 regarding a model program evaluating treatment of opioid dependent offenders.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Steven A. Tolman*

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By Mr. Tolman, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 998) of Tolman for legislation regarding a model program evaluating treatment of opioid dependent offenders [Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse].

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act regarding a model program evaluating treatment of opioid dependent offenders.

*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 Counties of Suffolk and Middlesex Houses of Correction shall  
2 implement a model program evaluating the use of extended release injectable naltrexone with  
3 offenders leaving correctional facilities and transitioning to community based treatment  
4 programs. Opioid dependent offenders will voluntarily receive treatment with injectable  
5 naltrexone and psychosocial support prior to release from identified correctional facility(ies) and  
6 for a period of time after release from such facilities. A continuum of services will be  
7 coordinated between the Correctional Medical Provider, the Bureau of Substance Abuse  
8 Services, and MassHealth to ensure offenders receive the necessary services to support  
9 successful reentry into society. An evaluation will be conducted to determine the impact of this  
10 program on criminal recidivism and treatment outcomes.