

SENATE No. 907

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin B. Downing

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 the use of buprenorphine in opioid dependence treatment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Benjamin B. Downing</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 907) of Benjamin B. Downing, John F. Keenan and William Smitty Pignatelli for legislation relative to the use of buprenorphine in opioid dependence treatment. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act regulating the use of buprenorphine in opioid dependence 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: Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department
2 of public health shall promulgate regulations relative to the use of buprenorphine and its variants
3 in the treatment of opioid dependence. Said regulations shall include, but not be limited to:
4 requiring prescribing entities to conduct routine toxicology screens of clients, pill call-backs,
5 maximum take-home dosages, and any other regulations deemed necessary to limit diversion of
6 buprenorphine and its variants.