

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2083**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Chris Walsh*

*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 to limit access to opiates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Daniel A. Wolf</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2083) of Chris Walsh and others for legislation to limit the prescription of controlled substances to an amount necessary for seventy-two hours of medically legitimate treatment. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to limit access to opiates.

*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 18 of Chapter 94C is hereby amended by the addition of subsection  
2 (b<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>), which provides as follows: -

3           (b<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) No practitioner may issue to a person seeking treatment in an emergency room of an  
4 acute care hospital or in a clinic as defined by section 52 of chapter 111 a prescription for a  
5 controlled substance which authorizes a quantity of medication in excess of that which is  
6 customary within a 72 hour period of medically legitimate treatment.