

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas P. Walsh and Joan B. Lovely

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 relative to overdose fatalities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Thomas P. Walsh	12th Essex	7/13/2016
Joan B. Lovely	Second Essex	7/13/2016
Paul Tucker	7th Essex	7/20/2016
Patrick O'Connor	Plymouth and Norfolk	7/14/2016
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex	7/14/2016
Daniel Cahill	10th Essex	7/14/2016
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	7/14/2016
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden	7/14/2016
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden	7/18/2016
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex	7/19/2016
Anne M. Gobi	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and	7/19/2016
	Middlesex	
Gailanne M. Cariddi	1st Berkshire	7/20/2016

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By Representative Walsh of Peabody and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas P. Walsh, Joan B. Lovely and others relative to establishing a daily log of all responses to calls for assistance relating to opiate overdoses. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court (2015-2016)

An Act relative to overdose fatalities.

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 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 98G the

2 following section:-

Section 98H. (a) Each city, town or district police department and fire department shall keep a daily log of all responses to calls for assistance relating to an opiate overdose, which shall include the name of the person experiencing the overdose, their home address, the address to which the department responded to the call, and whether or not the overdose was fatal. All such daily logs shall be recorded in a central database, and shall be accessible to all city, town or district police departments and fire departments.

9 (c) Daily logs developed pursuant to this section shall not be public records nor shall the 10 information contained in such logs be disclosed to the public. Further, such information shall 11 only be accessed by police department and fire department personnel, and shall be used to monitor overdose responses and fatalities, and to provide updated information for departments
carrying out overdose follow-up visits.

(d) Any police department or fire department personnel carrying out overdose follow-up
visits shall routinely check the database for any updated information prior to any follow-up visit.
(e) The department of public safety and security shall consider input from city, town and
district police departments and fire departments, and shall promulgate regulations regarding the
central database and information sharing, and said regulations shall be in compliance with any
federal standards for protecting personal health information.