

HOUSE No. 2397

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kevin J. Kuros

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 creating a commission to study increasing access to naloxone.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>11/7/2017</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>11/7/2017</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>11/7/2017</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>11/7/2017</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>11/7/2017</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>11/7/2017</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>11/7/2017</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>11/7/2017</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>11/7/2017</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>11/7/2017</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	<i>11/7/2017</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>11/7/2017</i>

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By Mr. Kuros of Uxbridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2397) of Kevin J. Kuros and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of alternatives to naloxone and to broaden the availability of naloxone. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act creating a commission to study increasing access to naloxone.

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 special or general law there shall be a special
2 commission to study the alternatives and develop recommendations to broaden the availability of
3 naloxone without prescription, including but not limited to recommendations on the standing
4 order process, the collaborative practice agreement process, and/or legislative recommendations.

5 The special commission shall consist of: the secretary of health and human services or
6 their designee, who shall serve as chair; the commissioner of the division of insurance or their
7 designee; three members to be appointed by the governor, which shall include: one person who is
8 a prescribing physician, one person who is a stakeholder within a retail pharmacy company, and
9 one member of the general citizenry impacted by the opiate epidemic; two members of the house
10 of representatives, one of whom to be appointed by the minority leader; two members of the
11 senate, one of whom to be appointed by the minority leader; the director of the board of
12 pharmacy or their designee; the director of the bureau of substance abuse services or their

13 designee; provided, however, that the first meeting of the commission shall take place not later
14 than January 1, 2018.

15 The special commission shall submit its recommendations, together with drafts of any
16 legislation, to the clerks of the house of representative and the senate, the chairs of the joint
17 committee on mental health and substance abuse not later than May 1, 2018.