

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 278**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Louis L. Kafka***

*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 improving students' access to life saving treatments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Adrian Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>

<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Dylan Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 278) of Louis L. Kafka and others relative to the emergency administration of glucagon in schools . Education.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act improving students’ access to life saving treatments.

*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 54B of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:-

3 Notwithstanding any general or special laws to the contrary, the department of  
4 elementary and secondary education and the department of public health shall jointly promulgate  
5 regulations for the emergency administration of glucagon to allow for the administration of  
6 glucagon by trained members of the school staff when a nurse is not present and the student  
7 exhibits symptoms of severe hypoglycemia; provided, however, that the parent or legal guardian  
8 of the student has submitted in writing permission for such emergency treatment to be rendered;  
9 provided, further, that a member of the school staff who, in good faith, administers glucagon to a  
10 student who exhibits symptoms of severe hypoglycemia shall not be held liable, except in cases  
11 of gross negligence or intentional misconduct, in a suit for damages as a result of his or her acts  
12 or omissions, nor shall such person be subject to any disciplinary action for such emergency aid;  
13 provided further a trained member of the school staff who is not a nurse and administers

14 glucagon shall not be considered to be practicing nursing; and provided further the member of  
15 the school staff trained to administer glucagon shall volunteer to be trained.

16           Section 2. Within 180 days of the passage of this act, the department of elementary and  
17 secondary education and the department of public health shall, pursuant to section 54B of  
18 chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended by section 1, jointly promulgate regulations for the  
19 emergency administration of glucagon to allow for the administration of glucagon by trained  
20 members of the school staff when a nurse is not present and the student exhibits symptoms of  
21 severe hypoglycemia.