

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

RoseLee Vincent

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 requiring first responders to wear protective gear when responding to overdoses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>8/28/2017</i>

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By Ms. Vincent of Revere, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of RoseLee Vincent that first responders wear protective gear when responding to overdoses. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act requiring first responders to wear protective gear when responding to overdoses.

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. Chapter 111C of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:-

3 Section 26. For the purposes of this section, “first responder” shall mean any police
4 officer, firefighter, EMS first responder as defined by section 1, or correction officer.

5 A first responder responding to the scene of an overdose shall wear personal protective
6 equipment including gloves, a mask and safety glasses. Any entity employing first responders
7 shall make available sufficient personal protective equipment for use by any first responder of
8 that entity when responding to the scene of an overdose. The department shall work with such
9 entities to develop appropriate standards for the personal protective equipment required pursuant
10 to this section.

11 SECTION 2. The department of public health shall promulgate regulations as necessary
12 to carry out this act.