

SENATE No. 842

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 decriminalize being in the presence of heroin.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i> | <i>25th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2017</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i> | <i>11th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i> | <i>Second Middlesex</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 842) of James B. Eldridge, Marjorie C. Decker, Kay Khan and Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation to decriminalize being in the presence of heroin. The Judiciary.

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

An Act to decriminalize being in the presence of heroin.

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 35 of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby repealed.