HOUSE No. 1866

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel M. Donahue

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 ensure safe medication administration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Daniel M. Donahue	16th Worcester	1/16/2019
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden	1/31/2019
Michael D. Brady	Second Plymouth and Bristol	2/1/2019
Peter Capano	11th Essex	1/29/2019
Tackey Chan	2nd Norfolk	1/28/2019
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex	1/31/2019
Denise C. Garlick	13th Norfolk	1/29/2019
Carlos González	10th Hampden	2/1/2019
James K. Hawkins	2nd Bristol	1/28/2019
Stephan Hay	3rd Worcester	2/1/2019
Natalie M. Higgins	4th Worcester	1/29/2019
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester	1/28/2019
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	17th Worcester	1/31/2019
Jack Patrick Lewis	7th Middlesex	2/1/2019
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.	12th Worcester	2/1/2019
Patrick M. O'Connor	Plymouth and Norfolk	1/30/2019
Marc R. Pacheco	First Plymouth and Bristol	2/1/2019
David Allen Robertson	19th Middlesex	2/1/2019

Daniel J. Ryan	2nd Suffolk	1/31/2019
José F. Tosado	9th Hampden	1/25/2019
Steven Ultrino	33rd Middlesex	1/31/2019

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By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1866) of Daniel M. Donahue and others relative to the administration of controlled substances. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 1153 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court (2019-2020)

An Act to ensure safe medication administration.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 7 of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (h), the following new
- 3 subsection:-
- 4 (i) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, only a dentist, nurse,
- 5 physician, podiatrist, perfusionist, optometrist or veterinarian licensed as a professional by
- 6 chapter 112 of the General Laws, or any student enrolled in a course of study for said profession
- 7 acting under the supervision of said licensed person and in accordance with the General Laws,
- 8 may administer any controlled substance in schedule II, III, IV, V or VI of Section 3 of chapter
- 9 94C of the General Laws. This shall not be construed to prohibit the following:
- 10 (1) self-administration

11 (2) administration of epinephrine pens in an emergency;

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- 12 (3) administration of controlled substances by emergency medical system personnel or
- (4) administration of controlled substances by any ill, injured or infirm person's domestic
 partner or family member(s).

For the purposes of this section, "self-administration" shall include the ability of any ill, injured or infirm person who has sufficient understanding of their prescribed controlled substance(s); the indications and contraindications for such controlled substance(s); a recollection of the administration schedule for such controlled substance(s) and an ability to communicate this knowledge and the experienced effect of having taken a controlled substance, to supervise an unlicensed person in the direct administration of such controlled substance(s) to them.