

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1936**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Patrick Joseph Kearney*

*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 relative to the prescription monitoring program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/16/2019</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Kearney of Scituate, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1936) of Patrick Joseph Kearney, Maria Duaine Robinson and Diana DiZoglio relative to the prescription monitoring program. Public Health.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to the prescription monitoring program.

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

1 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
2 Prescription Monitoring Programs (MassPat 2015) shall require any person or persons  
3 prescribing any Schedule 2 through Schedule 5 drug to submit a daily report of the issuance of  
4 the said prescriptions by any and all medical practioners for use by doctors, pharmacies, walk-in  
5 clinics, practitioners, and patients to track any Schedule 2 to Schedule 5 drug prescribed to an  
6 individual from the point of prescription to consumption as a mechanism for addressing the  
7 loophole in the Commonwealth's existing prescription monitoring system (M.G.L.c94C, The  
8 Controlled Substances Act). The mechanism seeks to set standards that expand the  
9 Commonwealth's prescription monitoring system to track the over-prescription of drugs by  
10 medical practitioners and to track such prescriptions to keep patients safe.