

HOUSE No. 3656

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter Capano

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 practitioners to be held responsible for patient opioid addiction.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Capano of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3656) of Peter Capano and others relative to liability for certain opioids prescriptions. The Judiciary.

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

An Act requiring practitioners to be held responsible for patient opioid addiction.

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

1 Chapter 94C of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section: –

2 Section 50. A practitioner, who issues a prescription for a controlled substance placed in
3 Schedule II, which contains an opiate, shall be liable to the patient for whom the written
4 prescription was written, for the payment of the first 90 days of in-patient hospitalization costs if
5 the patient becomes addicted and is subsequently hospitalized.