

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3656**

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**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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/21/2019</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/21/2019</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)**  
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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.