

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1348**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 data from prescription monitoring program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1348) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to data from prescription monitoring program. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to data from 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           Section 24A of Chapter 94C, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by striking out subsection (g) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

3           (g) The department may provide data from the prescription monitoring program to  
4 practitioners in accordance with Section 24; provided, however, that health care providers, as  
5 defined in Section 1 of Chapter 111, shall be able to access the data directly through a secure  
6 electronic medical record, health information exchange or other similar software or information  
7 systems connected to the prescription monitoring program to: (i) improve ease of access and  
8 utilization of such data for treatment, diagnosis or health care operations; (ii) support integration  
9 of such data within the electronic health records of a health care provider for treatment, diagnosis  
10 or health care operations; or (iii) allow health care providers and their vendors to maintain such  
11 data for the purposes of compiling and visualizing such data within the electronic health records  
12 of a health care provider that supports treatment, diagnosis or health care operations. The  
13 department may establish protocols or other processes to ensure the secure sharing of patient

- 14 information that is compatible and interoperative, to the maximum feasible extent, with existing
- 15 electronic medical records systems.