

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1035**

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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 involuntary holds for overdose treatment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>4/23/2019</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1035) of Bruce E. Tarr and Shaunna L. O'Connell for legislation relative to involuntary holds for overdose treatment. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to involuntary holds for overdose treatment.

*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 51 1/2 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as inserted by section 32 of chapter  
2   52 of the acts of 2016, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (d) the following  
3   subsection:-

4           (d 1/2) A person presenting in an acute-care hospital or a satellite emergency facility who  
5   is reasonably believed by the treating clinician to be experiencing an opiate-related overdose, and  
6   who has experienced at least 1 other opiate-related overdose or potential overdose within a 30  
7   day period, may be held, at the treating clinician’s discretion, for a period up to 72 hours for  
8   treatment, evaluation, and counseling.”.