

SENATE No. 2221

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Dean A. Tran

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 establishing a commission to study the effects of K2 in state prisons.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Dean A. Tran

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tran, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2221) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dean A. Tran for legislation to establish a commission to study the effects of K2 in state prisons. Cannabis Policy.

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

An Act establishing a commission to study the effects of K2 in state prisons.

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 general or special law to the contrary, there shall hereby be
2 established a special commission to study the impacts of synthetic cannabinoids, otherwise
3 known as K2, on the correctional system of the commonwealth.

4 The commission shall consist of: the secretary of the executive office public safety &
5 security or their designee, the commissioner of the department of correction or their designee, the
6 commissioner of the department of public health or their designee, the house and senate chairs of
7 the joint committee on public safety & homeland security, the house and senate chairs of the
8 joint committee on the judiciary, the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on mental
9 health, substance use & recovery, 1 member of the house in each said committee who shall be
10 appointed by the minority leader, and 1 member of the senate in each said committee who shall
11 be appointed by the minority leader.

12 The commission shall study and report on topics including but not limited to the
13 following: (i) the prevalence of synthetic cannabinoids in the correctional facilities of the
14 commonwealth, (ii) the effects of the use of synthetic cannabinoids on incarcerated individuals in
15 the correctional facilities of the commonwealth, (iii) the second-hand effects of synthetic
16 cannabinoids on correctional officers, (iv) the frequency of exposure of correctional officers to
17 synthetic cannabinoids, (v) best practices for correctional officers and staff to avoid exposure to
18 the second-hand effects of synthetic cannabinoids, (vi) best practices for the prevention of the
19 entry of synthetic opioids into correctional facilities.

20 The commission shall submit its findings to the clerks of the senate and house of
21 representatives, the joint committee on public safety & homeland security, the joint committee
22 on mental health, substance use & recovery, the commissioner of the department of correction,
23 the joint committee on the judiciary, the commissioner of the department of public health, and
24 the secretary of the executive office of public safety & security not later than one year after the
25 effective date of this act.