

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2087**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Shawn Dooley*

*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 providing for the treatment of overdose victims.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2087) of Shawn Dooley relative to opiate-related overdose treatment. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1711 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act providing for the treatment of overdose victims.

*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 ½) 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.