

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel M. Donahue

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 to ensure safe medication administration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Daniel M. Donahue	16th Worcester	2/11/2021
Patricia A. Duffy	5th Hampden	2/26/2021
James K. Hawkins	2nd Bristol	2/26/2021
Carol A. Doherty	3rd Bristol	2/26/2021
Michael D. Brady	Second Plymouth and Bristol	2/26/2021
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	1st Hampshire	3/11/2021
Peter Capano	11th Essex	3/11/2021
Walter F. Timilty	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth	3/11/2021
Michael P. Kushmerek	3rd Worcester	3/30/2021
Erika Uyterhoeven	27th Middlesex	6/8/2021

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2269) of Daniel M. Donahue and others relative to the administration of controlled substances. Public Health.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court (2021-2022)

An Act to ensure safe medication administration.

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 1. Section 7 of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2	Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (h), the following new
3	subsection:-
4	(i) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, only a dentist, nurse,
5	physician, podiatrist, perfusionist, optometrist or veterinarian licensed as a professional by
6	chapter 112 of the General Laws, or any student enrolled in a course of study for said profession
7	acting under the supervision of said licensed person and in accordance with the General Laws,
8	may administer any controlled substance in schedule II, III, IV, V or VI of Section 3 of chapter
9	94C of the General Laws. This shall not be construed to prohibit the following:
10	(1) self-administration
11	(2) administration of epinephrine pens in an emergency;
12	(3) administration of controlled substances by emergency medical system personnel or
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13 (4) administration of controlled substances by any ill, injured or infirm person's domestic14 partner or family member(s).

For the purposes of this section, "self-administration" shall include the ability of any ill, injured or infirm person who has sufficient understanding of their prescribed controlled substance(s); the indications and contraindications for such controlled substance(s); a recollection of the administration schedule for such controlled substance(s) and an ability to communicate this knowledge and the experienced effect of having taken a controlled substance, to supervise an unlicensed person in the direct administration of such controlled substance(s) to them.