

HOUSE No. 2388

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Smitty Pignatelli

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 expanding the availability of sharps disposal sites.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Smitty Pignatelli</i> | <i>4th Berkshire</i> | <i>2/18/2021</i> |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i> | <i>36th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/19/2021</i> |
| <i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i> | <i>2/22/2021</i> |
| <i>John Barrett, III</i> | <i>1st Berkshire</i> | <i>2/24/2021</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i> | <i>32nd Middlesex</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>David Allen Robertson</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Tami L. Gouveia</i> | <i>14th Middlesex</i> | <i>4/19/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2388) of Smitty Pignatelli and others relative to expanding the availability of sharps disposal sites. Public Health.

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

An Act relative to expanding the availability of sharps disposal sites.

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. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after section 27A of
2 chapter 94C the following section:-

3 Section 27B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department
4 of environmental protection and the department of public health, in conjunction with other
5 relevant state and local agencies and government departments, shall promulgate regulations that
6 require a pharmacy located in the commonwealth to maintain a sharps disposal container for the
7 collection and disposal of spent hypodermic needles and lancets on their premises. A sharps
8 disposal container located at a pharmacy shall be made available to the public at no charge.

9 Regulations shall include, but not be limited to, the availability of a sharps disposal container to
10 the public, required maintenance of a sharps disposal container and clear advertisement of the
11 availability of a sharps disposal container.