

SENATE No. 1139

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>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/20/2022</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/20/2022</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/25/2022</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2022</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1139) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to involuntary holds for overdose treatment. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1035 OF 2019-2020.]

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

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 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.”.