

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1462

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Jason M. Lewis***

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*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 the storage of epinephrine at schools.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>5/10/2021</i>

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1462) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation relative to the storage of epinephrine at schools. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1286 OF 2019-2020.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)  
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An Act relative to the storage of epinephrine at schools.

*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 54B of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the section in its entirety and inserting in place  
3   thereof the following section:-

4           Section 54B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department  
5   of public health shall promulgate regulations governing the administration of medications,  
6   including psychotropic medications to children in school settings, in accordance with Sections 7  
7   and 9 of Chapter 94C. In developing such regulations, the department shall consult with the  
8   board of registration in nursing and the board of registration in medicine.

9           Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, no school  
10   district shall prohibit students with asthma or other respiratory diseases from possessing and

11 administering prescription inhalers or students with life-threatening allergies from possessing  
12 and administering epinephrine in accordance with department of public health regulations  
13 concerning students' self-administration of prescription medications.

14 Each school shall allow storage of epinephrine in a secure but unlocked place, as  
15 determined by the school nurse, accessible only to authorized persons, located in every part of  
16 the school grounds where an allergic student is most at risk, including, but not limited to,  
17 classrooms and lunchrooms.

18 Each school shall stock and allow only as many epinephrine doses as are conservatively  
19 and reasonably necessary to administer epinephrine safely and prudently to allergic students in  
20 emergency situations on school grounds. The Department shall issue guidance to schools to  
21 inform them on best practices, which shall be designed by the Department to ensure the safety of  
22 students while preventing the over-stocking of epinephrine in schools.

23 Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, no school  
24 district shall prohibit students with cystic fibrosis from possessing and administering prescription  
25 enzyme supplements in accordance with department of public health regulations concerning  
26 students' self-administration of prescription medications.

27 Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, a school district  
28 shall not prohibit a student with diabetes from possessing and administering a glucose  
29 monitoring test and insulin delivery system, in accordance with department of public health  
30 regulations concerning a student's self-administration of a prescription medication.