

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1801**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Andres X. Vargas and Kate Donaghue*

*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 prevent unwanted opioid prescriptions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Kate Donaghue</i>	<i>19th Worcester</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>

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By Representatives Vargas of Haverhill and Donaghue of Westborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1801) of Andres X. Vargas and Kate Donaghue relative to the penalty for the issuance of unwanted opioid prescriptions. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act to prevent unwanted opioid prescriptions.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Subsection (e) of section 18B of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following 2 sentences:-

3 A practitioner who knowingly fails to comply with a person’s voluntary non-opiate  
4 directive form shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$100,000. The attorney general  
5 may enforce the provisions of this subsection.