

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1968**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Peter Capano*

*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 labeling of opioid prescriptions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Capano of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1968) of Peter Capano relative to the labeling of opioid prescriptions. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2069 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to the labeling of 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           The first paragraph of section 21 of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2   2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:-

3           The pharmacist filling a written, electronic or oral prescription for an opiate in schedule  
4   II or III shall affix to the container a label a clear, concise warning that the opiates dispensed can  
5   cause dependence, addiction and overdose.