SENATE No. 1428

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 smoking cessation agents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester	
Brian W. Murray	10th Worcester	6/27/2023

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1428) of Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to smoking cessation agents. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 1490 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to smoking cessation agents.

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

- 1 Chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby 2 amended by inserting after section 19D the following section:-
- 3 Section 19E. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a licensed pharmacist may dispense
- 4 Smoking Cessation Agents in accordance with written, standardized procedures or protocols
- 5 developed by an actively practicing physician registered with the commissioner to distribute or
- 6 dispense a controlled substance in the course of professional practice pursuant to section 7 if
- 7 such procedures or protocols are filed at the pharmacist's place of practice and with the board of
- 8 registration in pharmacy before implementation.
- 9 (b) Before dispensing Smoking Cessation Agents authorized under this section, a
- pharmacist shall complete a training program approved by the commissioner, which shall include

- but not be limited to proper documentation, quality assurance and referral to additional services,
- including appropriate recommendation that the patient follow-up with a medical practitioner.
- 13 (c) The department of public health, board of registration in medicine and board of
- registration in pharmacy shall adopt regulations to implement this section.