

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2235**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Priscila S. Sousa*

*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 ensuring safe disposal of hypodermic needles and lancets in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Priscila S. Sousa</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Sousa of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2235) of Priscila S. Sousa relative to the disposal of hypodermic needles and lancets. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act ensuring safe disposal of hypodermic needles and lancets in the Commonwealth.

*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 27A of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after the words “implementing this program “ in  
3 line 12 the following:

4 (b) (1) Sharps disposal programs must include the following:

5 (i) all pharmacies that sell or distribute hypodermic needles and lancets

6 (ii) all health clinics

7 (iii) all hospitals

8 (iv) all nursing home facilities

9           SECTION 2. Section 27A of chapter 94C, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by  
10 striking out in line 16 the words “establishing sharps collection centers in medical facilities and  
11 pharmacies;”.

12           SECTION 3. Section 27A of chapter 94C, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by  
13 striking out in line 25 the words “Medical facilities, pharmacies and participating municipal  
14 facilities” and inserting in place thereof the following words: “participating facilities”.