

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel M. Donahue

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 ensure safe medication administration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>1/13/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act to ensure safe medication administration.

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 7 of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (h), the following new
3 subsection:-

4 (i) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, only a dentist, nurse,
5 physician, podiatrist, perfusionist, optometrist or veterinarian licensed as a professional by
6 chapter 112 of the General Laws, or any student enrolled in a course of study for said profession
7 acting under the supervision of said licensed person and in accordance with the General Laws,
8 may administer any controlled substance in schedule II, III, IV, V or VI of Section 3 of chapter
9 94C of the General Laws. This shall not be construed to prohibit the following:

10 (1) self-administration

- 11 (2) administration of epinephrine pens in an emergency;
- 12 (3) administration of controlled substances by emergency medical system personnel or
- 13 (4) administration of controlled substances by any ill, injured or infirm person's domestic
- 14 partner or family member(s).

15 For the purposes of this section, "self-administration" shall include the ability of any ill,

16 injured or infirm person who has sufficient understanding of their prescribed controlled

17 substance(s); the indications and contraindications for such controlled substance(s); a

18 recollection of the administration schedule for such controlled substance(s) and an ability to

19 communicate this knowledge and the experienced effect of having taken a controlled substance,

20 to supervise an unlicensed person in the direct administration of such controlled substance(s) to

21 them.