

HOUSE No. 4686

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Frank A. Moran

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 Topical Steroid Withdrawal Syndrome.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>3/6/2025</i>
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/15/2025</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/30/2025</i>

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By Representative Moran of Lawrence, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Frank A. Moran for legislation to establish a commission to research topical steroid addiction and Topical Steroid Withdrawal Syndrome. Public Health.

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

An Act relative to Topical Steroid Withdrawal Syndrome.

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 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 245. There is hereby established a commission to research topical steroid
3 addiction and Topical Steroid Withdrawal Syndrome, a severe and debilitating condition that can
4 result from intentional or unintentional exposure to topical steroids.

5 The commissioner shall have 1 member who is a representative of the department and 7
6 members appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a dermatologist, 1 of whom shall be a
7 licensed pediatrician, 1 of whom shall be a licensed pharmacist, 1 of whom shall be a licensed
8 immunologist and 3 of whom shall be individuals or parents who have been impacted by Topical
9 Steroid Withdrawal Syndrome.

10 The special commission may conduct public hearings, forums, or meetings to gather
11 information regarding medical protocols for prevention, early detection and treatment of Topical

12 Steroid Withdrawal Syndrome and generate awareness of the condition among health care
13 providers, patients and consumers when prescribing medications.

14 Annually, on or before June 30, the commission shall submit a report to the governor and
15 the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate who shall forward the same to the joint
16 committee on public health, along with recommendations, if any, together with drafts of
17 legislation necessary to carry out those recommendations into effect. The special commission
18 may file such interim reports and recommendations as it considers appropriate.