

SENATE No. 1417

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 establishing a special commission to study the prevention of heroin trafficking.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patrick M. O'Connor

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Plymouth and Norfolk

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1417) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to establish a special commission to study the prevention of heroin trafficking. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1264 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act establishing a special commission to study the prevention of heroin trafficking.

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

1 Notwithstanding any special or general law there shall be a special commission to study
2 the trafficking of heroin into and within the Commonwealth to develop recommendations on
3 actions to prevent such trafficking in the future including, but not limited to legislative
4 recommendations and policing recommendations.

5 The special commission shall consist of: the secretary of health and human services, or
6 their designee; three members to be appointed by the governor, which shall include: one person
7 who is a police officer specializing in opiates, one person who is a stakeholder within a retail
8 pharmacy company, and one member of the general citizenry impacted by the opiate epidemic;
9 two members of the House of Representatives, one of whom to be appointed by the Speaker of
10 the House of Representatives, and the other to be appointed by the minority leader; two members

11 of the Senate, one of whom to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and the other to be
12 appointed by the minority leader; the director of the bureau of substance abuse services or their
13 designee; provided, however, that the first meeting of the commission shall take place not later
14 than December 1, 2025.

15 The special commission shall submit its recommendations, together with drafts of any
16 legislation, to the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the chairs of the joint
17 committee on mental health and substance abuse not later than December 1, 2026.