

SENATE No. 1709

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Keenan

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 save lives by distributing nalcant to individuals at risk for an overdose.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/10/2025</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2025</i>

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1709) of John F. Keenan, James B. Eldridge and Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation to distribute Narcan to a detainee or prisoner at risk for an overdose upon discharge from a correctional facility. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

An Act to save lives by distributing narcan to individuals at risk for an overdose.

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 17C of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:-

3 A state or county correctional facility, as defined in section 1 of chapter 125, shall, upon
4 discharge of a detainee or prisoner who has: (i) a history of using opioids; (ii) been diagnosed
5 with opioid use disorder; or (iii) experienced an opioid-related overdose, educate the individual
6 on the use of opioid antagonists, provide information about where the individual can access
7 opioid antagonists in the community, and dispense not less than 2 doses of an opioid antagonist
8 to the individual or their legal guardian. The commissioner may promulgate rules and regulations
9 necessary to implement this section.