

HOUSE No. 1146

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Claire D. Cronin

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 the prescription monitoring program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>

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By Ms. Cronin of Easton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1146) of Claire D. Cronin and others relative to the prescription monitoring program. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the prescription monitoring program.

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

1 Subsection (c) of Section 24A of Chapter 94C shall hereby be amended by inserting the
2 following paragraph after the first paragraph of this subsection:

3 For the purposes of monitoring the prescribing, ordering, and dispensing of all schedule
4 II to V, inclusive, controlled substances and additional drugs, as authorized by subsection (a), the
5 department shall promulgate regulations requiring that each opioid treatment program, as
6 certified by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration pursuant to 42 CFR
7 Part 8, that delivers a schedule II to V, inclusive, controlled substance or a substance classified as
8 an additional drug by the department to the ultimate user shall submit to the department, by
9 electronic means, information regarding each prescription or medical order dispensed for a drug
10 included under subsection (a); and (2) a requirement that each pharmacy collects and reports, for
11 each prescription or medical order dispensed for a drug under subsection (a), a customer
12 identification number and other information associated with the customer identification number,
13 as specified by the department. Each opioid treatment program shall submit the information in

14 accordance with transmission methods and frequency requirements promulgated by the
15 department; provided, however, that the information shall be submitted at least once every 24
16 hours. The department may issue a waiver to an opioid treatment program that is unable to
17 submit prescription information by electronic means. The waiver shall permit the pharmacy to
18 submit prescription information by other means promulgated by the department; provided,
19 however, that all information required in this section is submitted in this alternative format.