

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1824**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Timothy R. Whelan***

*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 administration of Naloxone.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps Lee</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Brian R. Mannal</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1824) of Timothy R. Whelan and others relative to allowing physicians to retain a person administered naloxone when deemed medically necessary. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to the administration of Naloxone.

*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: Chapter 123 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the  
2 following section

3 Section 35A. When naloxone has been administered as a means to treat an opiate-related  
4 overdose, a doctor may hold the patient for a period of up to 3 hours without the consent of the  
5 patient if the doctor deems it medically necessary.