

HOUSE No. 1903

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Danielle W. Gregoire

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 smoking cessation agents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>

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By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1903) of Danielle W. Gregoire and others for legislation to authorize certain licensed pharmacists to dispense smoking cessation agents. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to smoking cessation agents.

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 94C of the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting, after
2 Section 19D, the following new section:-

3 "Section 19E. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law, a licensed pharmacist may
4 dispense Smoking Cessation Agents in accordance with written, standardized procedures or
5 protocols developed by an actively practicing physician registered with the commissioner to
6 distribute or dispense a controlled substance in the course of professional practice pursuant to
7 section 7 if such procedures or protocols are filed at the pharmacist’s place of practice and with
8 the board of registration in pharmacy before implementation.

9 (b) Before dispensing Smoking Cessation Agents authorized under this section, a
10 pharmacist shall complete a training program approved by the commissioner, which shall include
11 but not be limited to proper documentation, quality assurance, and referral to additional services,
12 including appropriate recommendation that the patient follow-up with a medical practitioner.

13 (c) The department of public health, board of registration in medicine, and board of
14 registration in pharmacy shall adopt regulations to implement this section."