

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1928**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Daniel M. Donahue***

*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 ensure safe medication administration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1928) of Daniel M. Donahue and others relative to the administration of controlled substances. Public Health.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act to ensure safe medication administration.

*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. Section 7 of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (h), the following new  
3 subsection:-

4 ( i ) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, only a dentist, nurse,  
5 physician, podiatrist, perfusionist, optometrist or veterinarian licensed as a professional by  
6 chapter 112 of the General Laws, or any student enrolled in a course of study for said profession  
7 acting under the supervision of said licensed person and in accordance with the General Laws,  
8 may administer any controlled substance in schedule II, III , IV, V or VI of Section 3 of chapter  
9 94C of the General Laws. This shall not be construed to prohibit the following:

10 (1) self-administration

11 (2) administration of epinephrine pens in an emergency;

12 (3) administration of controlled substances by emergency medical system personnel or

13 (4) administration of controlled substances by any ill, injured or infirm person's domestic  
14 partner or family member(s).

15 For the purposes of this section, "self-administration" shall include the ability of any ill,  
16 injured or infirm person who has sufficient understanding of their prescribed controlled  
17 substance(s); the indications and contraindications for such controlled substance(s); a  
18 recollection of the administration schedule for such controlled substance(s) and an ability to  
19 communicate this knowledge and the experienced effect of having taken a controlled substance,  
20 to supervise an unlicensed person in the direct administration of such controlled substance(s) to  
21 them.