

HOUSE No. 1978

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas A. Golden, Jr.

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 passage of the accompanying resolve:

Resolve relative to responsible prescription prescribing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Golden of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1978) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., Colleen M. Garry and Martin J. Walsh for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to responsible practices in issuing prescriptions. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 3364 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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Resolve relative to responsible prescription prescribing.

- 1 Resolved,
- 2 There is hereby established a special commission to investigate responsible prescription
- 3 practices in Massachusetts. The commission shall consist of 3 members of the house of
- 4 representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of
- 5 representatives; 3 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of
- 6 the Senate; 1 representative from the executive office for administration and finance; the
- 7 commissioner of public health drug control program or the commissioner's designee; the director
- 8 of the prescription monitoring program or the director's designee; and 3 members appointed by
- 9 the governor that represent the medical and pharmaceutical community with specialty experience
- 10 in drug regulation, prescription, treatment and abuse. The commission's investigation, shall
- 11 include, but not be limited to best practices for responsible prescription. The commission shall
- 12 submit a report of its findings, including legislative recommendations, if any, to the joint
- 13 committee on public health and the house and senate committees on ways and means by April
- 14 15, 2014.