

HOUSE No. 2539

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas P. Walsh and Joan B. Lovely

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 overdose fatalities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>

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By Representative Walsh of Peabody and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2539) of Thomas P. Walsh and Joan B. Lovely relative to establishing a daily log of all responses to calls for assistance relating to opiate overdoses. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2147 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**
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An Act relative to overdose fatalities.

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

1 Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 98G the
2 following section:-

3 Section 98H. (a) Each city, town or district police department and fire department shall
4 keep a daily log of all responses to calls for assistance relating to an opiate overdose, which
5 shall include the name of the person experiencing the overdose, their home address, the address
6 to which the department responded to the call, and whether or not the overdose was fatal. All
7 such daily logs shall be recorded in a central database, and shall be accessible to all city, town or
8 district police departments and fire departments.

9 (c) Daily logs developed pursuant to this section shall not be public records nor shall the
10 information contained in such logs be disclosed to the public. Further, such information shall
11 only be accessed by police department and fire department personnel, and shall be used to
12 monitor overdose responses and fatalities, and to provide updated information for departments
13 carrying out overdose follow-up visits.

14 (d) Any police department or fire department personnel carrying out overdose follow-up
15 visits shall routinely check the database for any updated information prior to any follow-up visit.

16 (e) The department of public safety and security shall consider input from city, town and
17 district police departments and fire departments, and shall promulgate regulations regarding the
18 central database and information sharing, and said regulations shall be in compliance with any
19 federal standards for protecting personal health information.