

HOUSE No. 975

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

RoseLee Vincent

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 enact “Stephen’s Law”, relative to the distribution of fentanyl that results in death.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>

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By Ms. Vincent of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 975) of RoseLee Vincent and others relative to the distribution of fentanyl that results in death. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to enact “Stephen’s Law”, relative to the distribution of fentanyl that results in death.

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 94C of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 32N the
2 following section:-

3 Section 32O. A person who unlawfully distributes fentanyl in violation of section 32A or
4 32F, or trafficks in fentanyl in violation of section 32E, where a death results from the use of
5 such fentanyl, shall be guilty of homicide by distribution of a controlled substance and shall be
6 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than 10 years and not more than 20
7 years and by a fine of not more than \$25,000. For purposes of this section, a death is deemed to
8 have resulted from the use of fentanyl when the death would not have occurred but for the
9 injection, inhalation or ingestion of the fentanyl.