

SENATE No. 1348

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 data from prescription monitoring program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1348) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to data from prescription monitoring program. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to data from prescription monitoring program.

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 24A of Chapter 94C, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by striking out subsection (g) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

3 (g) The department may provide data from the prescription monitoring program to
4 practitioners in accordance with Section 24; provided, however, that health care providers, as
5 defined in Section 1 of Chapter 111, shall be able to access the data directly through a secure
6 electronic medical record, health information exchange or other similar software or information
7 systems connected to the prescription monitoring program to: (i) improve ease of access and
8 utilization of such data for treatment, diagnosis or health care operations; (ii) support integration
9 of such data within the electronic health records of a health care provider for treatment, diagnosis
10 or health care operations; or (iii) allow health care providers and their vendors to maintain such
11 data for the purposes of compiling and visualizing such data within the electronic health records
12 of a health care provider that supports treatment, diagnosis or health care operations. The
13 department may establish protocols or other processes to ensure the secure sharing of patient

- 14 information that is compatible and interoperative, to the maximum feasible extent, with existing
- 15 electronic medical records systems.