

HOUSE No. 1712

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Dylan A. Fernandes and Tami L. Gouveia

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 preventing overdose deaths and increasing access to treatment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>

<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>

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By Representatives Fernandes of Falmouth and Gouveia of Acton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1712) of Dylan A. Fernandes and others relative to preventing overdose deaths and increasing access to treatment. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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

An Act relative to preventing overdose deaths and increasing access to treatment.

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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 215 the following section:-

3 Section 215A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department
4 of public health shall promulgate regulations to authorize a pilot program for harm reduction
5 sites, in which a person with a substance use disorder may consume pre-obtained controlled
6 substances and medical assistance by health care professionals is made immediately available to
7 such a person as necessary to prevent fatal overdose. Harm reduction sites shall make
8 counseling, referrals to treatment and other appropriate services available for persons utilizing
9 such sites to access on a voluntary basis. The department shall require that any site authorized
10 under this pilot program first obtain approval from the board of health in the city or town in
11 which the pilot site is located.

12 The commissioner may promulgate regulations pursuant to this section and shall transmit
13 copies of the regulations to the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery, the
14 joint committee on public health, the joint committee on the judiciary and the senate and house
15 committees on ways and means not later than 30 days after the promulgation of the regulations.