

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 508**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Louis L. Kafka*

*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 improving students' access to life saving treatments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>

<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 508) of Louis L. Kafka and others relative to the emergency administration of glucagon in schools . Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 278 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act improving students’ access to life saving treatments.

*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. Section 54B of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:-

3           Notwithstanding any general or special laws to the contrary, the department of  
4 elementary and secondary education and the department of public health shall jointly promulgate  
5 regulations for the emergency administration of glucagon to allow for the administration of  
6 glucagon by trained members of the school staff when a nurse is not present and the student  
7 exhibits symptoms of severe hypoglycemia; provided, however, that the parent or legal guardian  
8 of the student has submitted in writing permission for such emergency treatment to be rendered;  
9 provided, further, that a member of the school staff who, in good faith, administers glucagon to a  
10 student who exhibits symptoms of severe hypoglycemia shall not be held liable, except in cases

11 of gross negligence or intentional misconduct, in a suit for damages as a result of his or her acts  
12 or omissions, nor shall such person be subject to any disciplinary action for such emergency aid;  
13 provided further a trained member of the school staff who is not a nurse and administers  
14 glucagon shall not be considered to be practicing nursing; and provided further the member of  
15 the school staff trained to administer glucagon shall volunteer to be trained.

16 Section 2. Within 180 days of the passage of this act, the department of elementary and  
17 secondary education and the department of public health shall, pursuant to section 54B of  
18 chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended by section 1, jointly promulgate regulations for the  
19 emergency administration of glucagon to allow for the administration of glucagon by trained  
20 members of the school staff when a nurse is not present and the student exhibits symptoms of  
21 severe hypoglycemia.