

HOUSE No. 1181

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jay R. Kaufman

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 requiring pain assessment and management in healthcare facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1181) of Jay R. Kaufman and others relative to requiring pain assessment and management in healthcare facilities. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act requiring pain assessment and management in healthcare facilities.

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 70E of Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after subsection (o) the following new
3 subsection:-

4 (p) to prompt pain assessment, and if pain is present, to management and treatment of his
5 or her pain that respects the patient’s individual needs and to periodic reassessment and
6 modification of the pain management plan, if necessary.

7 SECTION 2. Said Section 70E of Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby further
8 amended by adding after subsection (h) the following new subsection:-

9 (i) to prompt assessment, and if pain is present, to management and treatment of his or
10 her pain that respects the patient’s individual needs and to periodic reassessment and
11 modification of the pain management plan, if necessary.