

HOUSE No. 1711

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shawn Dooley

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 providing for the treatment of overdose victims.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1711) of Shawn Dooley, Michael J. Soter and Shaunna L. O'Connell relative to opiate-related overdose treatment. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3206 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act providing for the treatment of overdose victims.

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 51 1/2 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as inserted by section 32 of chapter
2 52 of the acts of 2016, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (d) the following
3 subsection:-

4 (d 1/2) A person presenting in an acute-care hospital or a satellite emergency facility who
5 is reasonably believed by the treating clinician to be experiencing an opiate-related overdose, and
6 who has experienced at least 1 other opiate-related overdose or potential overdose within a 30
7 day period, may be held, at the treating clinician’s discretion, for a period up to 72 hours for
8 treatment, evaluation, and counseling.