

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2068**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Peter Capano*

*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 overdose notifications for opioid prescribers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>John Cronin</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>4/12/2021</i>

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By Mr. Capano of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2068) of Peter Capano and others relative to overdose notifications for opioid prescribers. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to overdose notifications for opioid prescribers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 94C of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 24B the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 24C. (a) Upon receiving a report of examination or treatment of a person with  
4 injuries resulting from an opiate overdose, pursuant to section 12A of chapter 112, or a report of  
5 an opiate overdose-related death from the chief medical examiner, pursuant to section 16 of  
6 chapter 38, of an individual who was prescribed an opiate within 12 months of said death or  
7 overdose, the department shall notify the provider who prescribed the opiate through the  
8 prescription monitoring program health in a manner determined by the commissioner that  
9 complies with 42 U.S.C. section 290dd-2, 42 C.F.R. Part 2 and 45 C.F.R. section 164.512.

10 (b) Upon diagnosing a patient with an opioid use disorder, a diagnosing provider shall  
11 submit to the department, by electronic means, information regarding said diagnosis in a manner  
12 determined by the commissioner that complies with 42 U.S.C. section 290dd-2, 42 C.F.R. Part 2

13 and 45 C.F.R. section 164.512. If said patient was prescribed an opiate within 12 months of said  
14 diagnosis, the department shall notify the provider who prescribed the opiate through the  
15 prescription monitoring program health in a manner determined by the commissioner that  
16 complies with said 42 U.S.C. section 290dd-2, said 42 C.F.R. Part 2 and said 45 C.F.R. section  
17 164.512.