

HOUSE No. 2083

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Chris Walsh

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 to limit access to opiates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Daniel A. Wolf</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2083) of Chris Walsh and others for legislation to limit the prescription of controlled substances to an amount necessary for seventy-two hours of medically legitimate treatment. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to limit access to opiates.

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 18 of Chapter 94C is hereby amended by the addition of subsection
2 (b¹/₂), which provides as follows: -

3 (b¹/₂) No practitioner may issue to a person seeking treatment in an emergency room of an
4 acute care hospital or in a clinic as defined by section 52 of chapter 111 a prescription for a
5 controlled substance which authorizes a quantity of medication in excess of that which is
6 customary within a 72 hour period of medically legitimate treatment.