

SENATE No. 756

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven A. Tolman

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to eliminate the abuse of controlled-release hydromorphone.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Steven A. Tolman	Second Suffolk and Middlesex
Stephen M. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01136 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE ABUSE OF CONTROLLED-RELEASE HYDROMORPHONE.

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. Chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 3 the following section:-

3 Section 3A. Notwithstanding sections 2 and 3, any preparation which contains
4 hydromorphone, including its isomers, esters, ethers, salts and salts of isomers, esters and ethers,
5 if manufactured so as delay absorption into the blood system, unless the preparation contains 1 or
6 more active nonnarcotic ingredients in recognized therapeutic amounts, shall be in schedule I.

7 SECTION 2. Section 31 of said chapter 94C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
8 hereby amended by inserting after line 85, the following paragraph:-

9 Any preparation, which contains hydromorphone, including its isomers, esters, ethers, salts and
10 salts of isomers, esters and ethers, if manufactured so as delay absorption into the blood system,
11 unless the preparation contains 1 or more active nonnarcotic ingredients in recognized
12 therapeutic amounts.