

SENATE No. 925

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 strengthening punishments for the distribution of heroin.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 925) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to strengthen punishments for the distribution of heroin. The Judiciary.

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

An Act strengthening punishments for the distribution of heroin.

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 34 of Chapter 94C of the General Laws is hereby amended by replacing the
2 sentence beginning with “Any” in line 9 with the following new sentence:-

3 “Any person who violates this section by possessing with the intent to distribute heroin
4 shall for the first offense be punished by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than
5 five years or by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, or both, and for a second or
6 subsequent offense shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than ten
7 years nor more than twenty years or by a fine of not more than fifty thousand dollars and
8 imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than ten years.