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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter J. Durant

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:

An Act relative to the access of epinephrine in schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Peter J. Durant	*6th Worcester*
James M. Cantwell	*4th Plymouth*
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
Randy Hunt	*5th Barnstable*
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Durant of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1939) of Peter J. Durant and others for legislation to authorize school bus drivers to administer epinephrine. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act relative to the access of epinephrine in schools.

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

SECTION 1.

Section 54B of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth paragraph the following:—

Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, a school district shall allow a parent or legal guardian of any child to expressly authorize the school department and school bus drivers, licensed pursuant to section 8A of chapter 90, to administer epinephrine, by means of an epinephrine auto-injector, to his or her child in the case of an allergic emergency. The parent or legal guardian shall provide either a letter or prescription from the primary care physician of said child notifying the school of the allergy of said child and the need to administer epinephrine in an allergic emergency. The school shall promptly notify the school bus service provider of the allergy of said child and provide a copy of the letter or prescription from said primary care physician.