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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:

An Act regarding a model program evaluating treatment of opioid dependent offenders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Steven A. Tolman	
	☐ *[District]*
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By Mr. Tolman, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 998) of Tolman for legislation regarding a model program evaluating treatment of opioid dependent offenders [Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse].

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An Act regarding a model program evaluating treatment of opioid dependent offenders.

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. The Counties of Suffolk and Middlesex Houses of Correction shall implement a model program evaluating the use of extended release injectable naltrexone with offenders leaving correctional facilities and transitioning to community based treatment programs. Opioid dependent offenders will voluntarily receive treatment with injectable naltrexone and psychosocial support prior to release from identified correctional facility(ies) and for a period of time after release from such facilities. A continuum of services will be coordinated between the Correctional Medical Provider, the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, and MassHealth to ensure offenders receive the necessary services to support successful reentry into society. An evaluation will be conducted to determine the impact of this program on criminal recidivism and treatment outcomes.