

HOUSE No. 4337

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carole A. Fiola

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 resolve:

Resolve An Act to create a commission to research current logistical issues related to outpatient methadone centers and identify alternatives to the distribution of outpatient methadone treatment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>

<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Juana B. Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carole A. Fiola and others for legislation to establish a special commission to research current logistical issues related to outpatient methadone centers and to identify alternatives to the distribution of outpatient methadone treatment. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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

Resolve An Act to create a commission to research current logistical issues related to outpatient methadone centers and identify alternatives to the distribution of outpatient methadone treatment.

1 **Resolved**, Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, there shall be a
2 special commission established to research current logistical issues related to outpatient
3 methadone centers and to identify alternatives to the distribution of outpatient methadone
4 treatment.

5 The commission shall consist of 9 members: 1 of whom shall be the commissioner of
6 public health or the commissioner’s designee; 1 of whom shall be a member Massachusetts chain
7 pharmacy council; 1 of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts independent pharmacists
8 association; 1 of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts medical society; 1 of whom shall
9 be a member of the Massachusetts hospital association; 1 of whom shall be a member of the
10 Massachusetts organization for addiction recovery; 1 of whom shall be a member of the
11 Massachusetts league of community health centers; 1 person appointed by the speaker of the
12 house who shall be a member of the public actively involved in the recovery community; 1

13 person appointed by the senate president who shall be a member of the public actively involved
14 in the recovery community;

15 The research shall include, but not be limited to:

16 (a) evaluating the methods currently used to distribute methadone;

17 (b) evaluating the possibility of administering methadone treatment in a pharmacy
18 setting

19 (c) research methods to destigmatize methadone treatment with the general public; and

20 (d) the impact on housing, counseling, support and public safety in communities that
21 have outpatient methadone centers

22 The commission shall file the findings of its study by December 31, 2019, with the clerks
23 of the house and the senate, who shall forward the report to the chairmen of the house committee
24 on ways and means, the senate committee on ways and means, the joint committee on the public
25 health, and the joint committee on mental health, substance use, and recovery.