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**SENATE . . . . . No. 199**

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By Mr. Keating, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 199) of William R. Keating for legislation to require physicians to report cases of drug overdoses. Criminal Justice.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three.

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REPORTS OF DRUG OVERDOSE.

*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 12A of Chapter 112 is hereby amended by striking the  
2 first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following: —  
3 Every physician attending or treating a case of bullet wound,  
4 gunshot wound, powder burn or any other injury arising from or  
5 caused by the discharge of a gun, pistol, BB gun, or other air rifle  
6 or firearm, or examining or treating a person with a burn injury  
7 affecting five per cent or more of the surface area of his body,  
8 or examining or treating a person for a drug overdose, or,  
9 whenever any such case is treated in a hospital, sanatorium or  
10 other institution, the manager, superintendent or other person in  
11 charge thereof, shall report such case at once to the commissioner  
12 of public safety and to the police of the town where such physician,  
13 hospital, sanatorium or institution is located or, in the case of burn  
14 injuries, notification shall be made at once to the commissioner  
15 of public safety and to the police of the town where the burn injury  
16 occurred.

