

SENATE No. 1276

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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 expanding access to work release.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patricia D. Jehlen

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Middlesex

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1276) of Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation to expand access to work release. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act expanding access to work release.

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 1. Section 49 of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, beginning in line 3, the words “who has
3 served such a portion of his sentence or sentences that he would be eligible for parole within
4 eighteen months”.

5 SECTION 2. Section 49 of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
6 amended by inserting after the word “facility” in line 18 the following sentence:-

7 Inmates serving the mandatory term for a violation of section 32, 32A, 32B, 32E, or 32J
8 of chapter 94C or section 18, 18C, or 43 of chapter 265 or section 25, 27A, or 28 of chapter 266
9 or section 39 of chapter 268 or section 10, 10E, 10F, or 10G of chapter 269 may be permitted to
10 participate in programs established under section forty-eight outside a correctional facility.