

SENATE No. 1277

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 relative to end of life choices of inmates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1277) of Patricia D. Jehlen and Gloria L. Fox for legislation relative to end of life choices of inmates. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

An Act relative to end of life choices of inmates.

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. Chapter 127 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 117A the following new section:-

3 Section 117B. Except where otherwise prohibited by law, an inmate’s personal choices
4 about end of life care, as evidenced through a do-not-resuscitate order or advanced directives,
5 shall be followed corrections and medical personnel.