

HOUSE No. 1767

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to the supervision of individuals on parole from a correctional facility..

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 131 of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as appearing in 2002
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new paragraph:-

3 In its statement to the prisoner being released on parole, the parole board shall include
4 requirements relating to the social adjustment of the parolee. Said requirements relating shall
5 include information as to where the parolee should go for assistance relating to employment,
6 housing and substance abuse. The Board in preparing the information shall consult with the
7 Executive Office of Communities and Development, and the Department of Employment and
8 training. The prisoner’s parole officer shall require the parolee to utilize the services of the
9 appropriate agency should he determine that the parolee is in need of assistance. The parole
10 officer shall submit a written request to his supervisor, to order random testing for substance
11 abuse, should in his opinion, it appear that the parolee may be taking illegal substances. A
12 positive finding shall result in the parolee being required to utilize an appropriate abuse facility
13 for a period to be determined by the directors of the treatment facility. Finding of positive results

- 14 in such testing shall also be reported to the parole board for any action that it deems necessary,
- 15 up to and include revocation of parole.