

HOUSE No. 2315

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Finn

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 correctional officer compensation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>	

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By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2315) of Michael J. Finn relative to the salaries of correctional officers employed in sheriffs' departments. Public Service.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to correctional officer compensation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

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2 and by the authority of the same, as follows:

3 SECTION 1: Whereas, there currently exists a disparity between the first year base salary
4 of a correctional officer employed by the various sheriff's departments of the commonwealth and
5 the first year base salary of a correctional officer employed by the Massachusetts Department of
6 Correction;

7 Whereas, the work performed by correctional officers employed by the various sheriff's
8 departments of the Commonwealth is substantially similar to the work performed by correctional
9 officers employed by the Massachusetts Department of Correction;

10 Whereas, correctional officers employed by the various sheriff's departments of the
11 commonwealth perform dangerous and important work critical to the public safety.

12 Whereas, it is a priority to attract and retain highly qualified and professional correctional
13 officers to the various county sheriff's departments of the commonwealth.

14 SECTION 2: Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the first year
15 base salary of a correctional officer employed by a sheriff's department shall not be less than
16 ninety per cent of the first year base salary of a correctional officer employed by the
17 Massachusetts Department of Correction.