

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1276**

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**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.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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