

SENATE No. 2278

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

SENATE, Thursday, May 5, 2016

The committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 731) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation to protect the rights of probationers in drug courts, - reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2278).

For the committee,
William N. Brownsberger

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An Act protecting the rights of probationers.

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 87A of Chapter 276, as it appears in the 2014 Edition of the
2 General Laws, is hereby amended by adding the following language after the word “person” in
3 line 23:-

4 “No person placed on probation shall be deemed to have violated a condition of his or her
5 probation on the basis of his or her possession or use of a controlled substance as prescribed to
6 that person by a health professional registered to prescribe a controlled substance pursuant to
7 Chapter 94C, acting within the lawful scope of his or her practice.”