

SENATE No. 2391

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

SENATE, Thursday, June 30, 2016

The committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 729) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation relative to parole eligibility,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2391).

For the committee,
Karen E. Spilka

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An Act relative to parole eligibility.

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 128 of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- Notwithstanding any
3 general or special law to the contrary, inmates incarcerated in a house of correction shall be
4 eligible for parole upon serving 1/3 of the total aggregate term of incarceration or 2 years,
5 whichever first occurs.

6 SECTION 2. Section 129D of said chapter 127, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
7 striking out, in line 15, the figure “5” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 10.

8 SECTION 3. Said section 129D of said chapter 127, as so appearing, is hereby further
9 amended by striking out, in lines 20 and 23, the figure “10” and inserting in place thereof, in
10 each instance, the following figure:- 20.

11 SECTION 4. The parole board shall promulgate regulations necessary for the
12 administration and implementation of this act.