

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2379**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John C. Velis*

*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 the health of correctional employees.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                         | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                   | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>John C. Velis</i>          | <i>4th Hampden</i>                  | <i>1/17/2019</i> |
| <i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i> | <i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i> | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>José F. Tosado</i>         | <i>9th Hampden</i>                  | <i>1/25/2019</i> |
| <i>Bud L. Williams</i>        | <i>11th Hampden</i>                 | <i>1/30/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Velis of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2379) of John C. Velis and others relative to line of duty presumptions in certain health evaluations of correctional employees. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to the health of correctional employees.

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

1 Chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 94C. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary  
3 affecting the non-contributory or contributory system, any condition of impairment of health  
4 caused by Post Traumatic Stress Disorder resulting in total or partial disability or death to an  
5 employee of a correctional facility, shall, if he successfully passed a physical examination on  
6 entry into such service, or subsequently successfully passed a physical examination, which  
7 examination failed to reveal any evidence of such condition, be presumed to have been suffered  
8 in the line of duty, unless the contrary be shown by competent evidence.