

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 prohibiting for-profit correctional facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jason M. Lewis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Fifth Middlesex

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation to prohibit for-profit correctional facilities. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act prohibiting for-profit correctional facilities.

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. Chapter 126 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, after
2 section 40, the following section:-

3 Section 41. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (b) or (c) or in federal law,
4 the private operation or management of a correctional facility, jail or other facility for the
5 purpose of incarcerating inmates shall be prohibited.

6 (b) Nothing in this section shall limit in any way the authority of the commissioner,
7 sheriff or any municipality, to limit the responsibility of the department of corrections or
8 community supervision to supervise inmates or persons released to community supervision while
9 away from an institution.

10 (c) Nothing in this section shall preclude a sheriff, the commissioner of correction or any
11 other municipal official in the unclassified service, as determined by state law or by the state or

- 12 municipal government, from maintaining the custody and supervision of persons detained or
- 13 confined in a local correctional facility.