

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1881**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Alyson M. Sullivan*

*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 possession of a dangerous weapon.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>

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By Ms. Sullivan of Abington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1881) of Alyson M. Sullivan and others relative to penalties for possession of dangerous weapons by persons in the custody of certain correctional facilities. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to possession of a dangerous weapon.

*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 127 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 38B the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 38B ½. (a) For purposes of this section, the word “dangerous weapon” shall  
4 include any weapon or object, including an object that is custom or homemade, which is  
5 designed or intended to be used as a weapon.

6 (b) Any person in the custody of a correctional facility, including any jail, house of  
7 correction, trial court detention facility or state prison, who possesses a dangerous weapon shall  
8 be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 10 years or in the house of  
9 correction for not more than 2 ½ years, or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both such fine  
10 and imprisonment. Such sentence shall begin from and after all sentences currently outstanding  
11 and unserved at the time the person commits the violation of this section.