

SENATE No. 1653

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: | |
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| <i>John C. Velis</i> | <i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i> | |
| <i>Timothy R. Whelan</i> | <i>1st Barnstable</i> | <i>3/1/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1653) of John C. Velis and Timothy R. Whelan for legislation relative to the health of correctional employees. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

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.