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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1828

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jonathan D. Zlotnik

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 corrections officer safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Jonathan D. Zlotnik	*2nd Worcester*	*1/19/2023*
Marcus S. Vaughn	*9th Norfolk*	*1/23/2023*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*	*1/24/2023*
Susannah M. Whipps	*2nd Franklin*	*1/25/2023*
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*	*1/25/2023*
Brian W. Murray	*10th Worcester*	*1/25/2023*
Jessica Ann Giannino	*16th Suffolk*	*1/30/2023*
Steven George Xiarhos	*5th Barnstable*	*1/30/2023*
Michael J. Soter	*8th Worcester*	*1/30/2023*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*	*1/30/2023*
Rodney M. Elliott	*16th Middlesex*	*1/30/2023*
Hannah Kane	*11th Worcester*	*1/30/2023*
Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.	*28th Middlesex*	*1/31/2023*
Angelo L. D'Emilia	*8th Plymouth*	*1/31/2023*
Michael D. Brady	*Second Plymouth and Norfolk*	*2/1/2023*
Joseph D. McKenna	*18th Worcester*	*2/1/2023*
Kathleen R. LaNatra	*12th Plymouth*	*2/1/2023*
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*	*2/2/2023*

Tackey Chan	*2nd Norfolk*	*2/2/2023*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*	*2/7/2023*
Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.	*5th Worcester*	*2/17/2023*
Anne M. Gobi	*Worcester and Hampshire*	*2/22/2023*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*	*3/21/2023*

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By Representative Zlotnik of Gardner, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1828) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik and others relative to penalties for assault and battery upon a corrections officer or other Department of Correction staff person. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act relative to corrections officer safety.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 265 Section 13D of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the last paragraph, the following paragraph:

"Whoever commits an assault and battery upon a corrections officer, or other Department of Corrections staff person when such person is engaged in the performance of their duties at the time of such assault and battery and who by such assault and battery causes serious bodily injury to the corrections officer, or Department of Corrections staff person shall be punished by a term of imprisonment in the state prison for not less than 1 year nor more than 10 years, or house of correction for not less than 1 year, nor more than 2 1/2 years. No sentence imposed pursuant to this section shall be for less than a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 1 year and a fine of not less than $500 nor more than $10,000 may be imposed but not in lieu of the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment. A prosecution commenced under this paragraph shall not be placed on file or continued without a finding and a sentence imposed upon a person

convicted of violating this paragraph shall not be suspended or reduced, nor shall such person be eligible for probation, parole, work release, furlough or receive any deduction from the person's sentence for good conduct until such person shall have served said mandatory minimum term of imprisonment. For purposes of this section, the term "serious bodily injury" shall mean bodily injury which results in a permanent disfigurement, protracted loss or impairment of a bodily function, limb or organ or substantial risk of death."