

SENATE No. 1001

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adam Gomez

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 to improve after hours bail procedures.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Adam Gomez

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Hampden

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By Mr. Gomez, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1001) of Adam Gomez for legislation to improve after hours bail procedures. The Judiciary.

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

An Act to improve after hours bail procedures.

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. Section 24 of Chapter 262 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place
3 thereof the following paragraph:-

4 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Trial Court shall be responsible for compensation to
5 persons authorized to take bail outside of regular working hours pursuant to this section.

6 SECTION 2. Said Section 24 of said Chapter 262, as so appearing, is further amended by
7 striking out the second paragraph.

8 SECTION 3. Said Section 24 of Chapter 262, as so appearing, is further amended by
9 striking out the third paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:- (b)
10 Persons authorized to take bail may administer though wire or electronic means any oath or
11 affirmation required in the course of taking bail or releasing on personal recognizance. No

- 12 person authorized to take bail shall delegate the setting or taking of bail or the setting or taking of
- 13 release on personal recognizance to any other person.