

**SENATE . . . . . No. 52**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Patricia D. Jehlen*

*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 create Cannabis career pathways for justice-involved individuals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Patricia D. Jehlen*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Middlesex*

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 52) of Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation to create Cannabis career pathways for justice-involved individuals. Cannabis Policy.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)  
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An Act to create Cannabis career pathways for justice-involved individuals.

*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. (a) The cannabis control commission, in consultation with the cannabis  
2 advisory board, the cannabis social equity advisory board, the department of correction, the  
3 Massachusetts sheriffs association, the office of probation, the university of Massachusetts, the  
4 executive office of housing and economic development, and the executive office of labor and  
5 workforce development shall: (i) conduct a study on programs and partnerships to encourage the  
6 employment of justice-involved individuals in the cannabis industry, including training and  
7 educational programs conducted within houses of correction, jails and prisons, as a part of  
8 probation or parole, and after release, and report the findings of that study no later than Dec. 31,  
9 2024; and (ii) develop a pilot program to create career pathways in the cannabis industry for  
10 incarcerated individuals, individuals on probation and parole, and formerly justice-involved  
11 individuals no later than Dec. 31, 2025.