

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1597**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Antonio F. D. Cabral*

*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 limiting the use of prison labor.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/6/2025</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>4/28/2025</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/26/2025</i>

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By Representative Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1597) of Antonio F. D. Cabral relative to the use of prison labor outside of the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1400 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act limiting the use of prison labor.

*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 125 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 22. No administrator or superintendent of any correctional institution, including  
4 any correctional facility, county correctional facility, penal institution, state correctional facility,  
5 state prison, or jail, shall transfer any inmate or prisoner outside of the commonwealth; and no  
6 inmate or prisoner of any correctional institution, including any correctional facility, county  
7 correctional facility, penal institution, state correctional facility, state prison, or jail, shall be  
8 transferred outside of the commonwealth, for the purpose of engaging in labor outside of the  
9 Commonwealth.