

HOUSE No. 2736

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven George Xiarhos and Richard G. Wells, Jr.

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 security of exercise equipment and free weights in correctional institutions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/13/2025</i>
<i>Richard G. Wells, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/13/2025</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2025</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/11/2025</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>2/11/2025</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>John J. Marsi</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>Kenneth P. Sweezey</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>Jeffrey Rosario Turco</i>	<i>19th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>4/4/2025</i>

Paul R. Feeney

Bristol and Norfolk

4/28/2025

Marcus S. Vaughn

9th Norfolk

7/31/2025

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By Representatives Xiarhos of Barnstable and Wells of Milton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2736) of Steven George Xiarhos, Richard G. Wells, Jr. and others relative to the security of exercise equipment and free weights in correctional institutions. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2422 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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An Act relative to the security of exercise equipment and free weights in correctional institutions.

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. This Act shall be commonly known as "Matt's Law".

2 SECTION 2. Section 14 of Chapter 125 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
3 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following sentence:- The
4 superintendent shall be responsible for ensuring that any and all exercise equipment accessible
5 by inmates is secured in order to prevent its removal and that no inmate in a medium-security or
6 maximum-security correctional institution has access to any free weights.