

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida

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 promote correctional personnel safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1773 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act to promote correctional personnel safety.

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 38B of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (d) Any person in the custody of a correctional facility, including any jail, house of
4 correction, trial court detention facility or state prison, who commits an assault or an assault and
5 battery by means of a dangerous weapon upon an officer or other employee, any volunteer or
6 employee of a contractor in any such facility or any duly authorized officer or other employee of
7 any such facility engaged in the transportation of a prisoner for any lawful purpose shall be
8 punished by imprisonment for not more than 2 and one-half years in a jail or house of correction
9 or for not more than 20 years in a state prison. Such sentence shall begin from and after all
10 sentences currently outstanding and unserved at the time of said assault or assault and battery.

- 11 For purposes of this subsection, “dangerous weapon” shall include objects that are designed or
- 12 intended to be used as a weapon, including those objects that are custom or homemade.