

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Thomas W. Moakley***

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*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 establishing the Dukes County Sheriff's regional lockup fund.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas W. Moakley</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>

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

An Act establishing the Dukes County Sheriff’s regional lockup fund.

*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 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 35:57A the following section:

3 SECTION 35:58.

4 (a) There shall be established and set upon the books of the commonwealth a separate  
5 fund to be known as the Dukes County Sheriff Regional Lockup Fund to be administered by the  
6 Dukes County Sheriff’s Office.

7 (b) The purpose of the Fund shall be to provide the only state-funded regional lockup  
8 service to the towns in Dukes County to which facility persons arrested with or without a  
9 warrant, taken into protective custody, held on contempt or by court order, or arrested under any  
10 civil process may be detained. Police officers shall have the full authority and jurisdiction of a  
11 police officer anywhere in the County while transporting an incarcerated or detained person to a  
12 regional lockup facility as well as during transport through any city, town, or county, including  
13 to and at a hospital or medical or psychiatric facility or office, or to, at or on a ferry or aircraft if

14 appropriate, and throughout the arrest, delivery and booking process. A municipal police  
15 department that is a member of the Dukes County Regional Lockup Facility System does not  
16 have to comply with section 36C of chapter 40. A town may become a member of the Dukes  
17 County Regional Lockup Facility System by executing a written agreement with the Sheriff of  
18 Dukes County. The regional lockup facility superintendent, appointed by the sheriff of Dukes  
19 County, and deputy sheriffs of Dukes County where the regional lockup facility is located, shall  
20 have the same authority, jurisdiction, and duty as a police officer to detain, book, hold, and  
21 transport a pre-arraignment incarcerated person or any other detained or incarcerated person to or  
22 from the regional lockup facility.

23 (c) There shall be credited to the Fund all amounts that are, by law, transferred or  
24 authorized to be transferred thereto or directed to be deposited therein, and all amounts received  
25 as gifts, grants or contributions for the purposes of the Fund. Amounts credited to the Fund shall  
26 not be subject to further appropriation and any money remaining in the Fund at the end of a fiscal  
27 year shall not revert to the General Fund.