

SENATE No. 1762

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael F. Rush

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:	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/22/2025</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>6/26/2025</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1762) of Michael F. Rush and Paul
McMurtry 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 14 of Chapter 125 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following sentence:- The superintendent
3 shall be responsible for ensuring that any and all exercise equipment accessible by inmates is
4 secured in order to prevent its removal and that no inmate in a medium-security or maximum-
5 security correctional institution has access to any free weights.