

SENATE No. 1785

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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 health of correctional employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John C. Velis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Hampden and Hampshire

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1785) of John C. Velis for legislation relative to the health of correctional employees. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1604 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the health of correctional employees.

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 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 94C. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary
3 affecting the non-contributory or contributory system, any condition of impairment of health
4 caused by Post Traumatic Stress Disorder resulting in total or partial disability or death to an
5 employee of a correctional facility, shall, if he successfully passed a physical examination on
6 entry into such service, or subsequently successfully passed a physical examination, which
7 examination failed to reveal any evidence of such condition, be presumed to have been suffered
8 in the line of duty, unless the contrary be shown by competent evidence.