

SENATE No. 84

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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 create Cannabis career pathways for justice-involved individuals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patricia D. Jehlen

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Middlesex

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 84) of Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation to create Cannabis career pathways for justice-involved individuals. Cannabis Policy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 52 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to create Cannabis career pathways for justice-involved individuals.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 (a) The cannabis control commission, in consultation with the cannabis advisory board,
2 the cannabis social equity advisory board, the department of correction, the Massachusetts
3 sheriffs association, the office of probation, the university of Massachusetts, the executive office
4 of economic development, and the executive office of labor and workforce development shall: (i)
5 conduct a study on programs and partnerships to encourage the employment of justice-involved
6 individuals in the cannabis industry, including training and educational programs conducted
7 within houses of correction, jails and prisons, as a part of probation or parole, and after release,
8 and report the findings of that study no later than Dec. 31, 2026; and (ii) develop a pilot program
9 to create career pathways in the cannabis industry for incarcerated individuals, individuals on
10 probation and parole, and formerly justice-involved individuals no later than Dec. 31, 2027.