

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Patricia D. Jehlen***

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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 concerning the Massachusetts Probation Service.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Patricia D. Jehlen*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Middlesex*

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1532 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act concerning the Massachusetts Probation Service.

*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 1. Section 168A of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 21, the words “departments of  
3 probation” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service,  
4 the departments of.

5           SECTION 2. Section 172 of said chapter 6, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
6 striking out, in lines 236-237, the words “office of the commissioner of probation” and inserting  
7 in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

8           SECTION 3. Section 175 of said chapter 6, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
9 striking out, in lines 12-13, the words “office of the commissioner of probation” and inserting in  
10 place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

11 SECTION 4. Section 175 of said chapter 6, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by  
12 striking out, in line 14, the words “such commissioner” and inserting in place thereof the  
13 following words:- the Massachusetts Probation Service.

14 SECTION 5. Section 178K of said chapter 6, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
15 striking out, in line 118, the words “department of probation” and inserting in place thereof the  
16 following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

17 SECTION 6. Section 178K of said chapter 6, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
18 by striking out, in line 277, the words “department of probation” and inserting in place thereof  
19 the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

20 SECTION 7. Section 178K of said chapter 6, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
21 by striking out, in line 288, the words “department of probation” and inserting in place thereof  
22 the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

23 SECTION 8. Section 18N of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
24 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 29-30, the words “office of  
25 probation” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

26 SECTION 9. Section 21 of chapter 22 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
27 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the words “office of probation” and  
28 inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

29 SECTION 10. Section 21 of said chapter 22, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
30 by striking out, in line 18, the words “office of probation” and inserting in place thereof the  
31 following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

32 SECTION 11. Section 5 of chapter 27 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
33 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 31, the words “board of probation”  
34 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

35 SECTION 12. Section 45 of chapter 30 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
36 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 12, the words “commissioner of  
37 probation” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

38 SECTION 13. Section 45 of said chapter 30, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
39 by striking out, in lines 163-164, the words “commissioner of probation” and inserting in place  
40 thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

41 SECTION 14. Section 45 of said chapter 30, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
42 by striking out, in lines 213-214, the words “commissioner of probation” and inserting in place  
43 thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

44 SECTION 15. Section 76 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
45 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 9, the words “office of” and inserting  
46 in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

47 SECTION 16. Section 76A of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
48 striking out, in line 6, the words “office of” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
49 Massachusetts Probation Service.

50 SECTION 17. Section 24 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
51 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 234-235, the words “probation

52 department” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation  
53 Service.

54 SECTION 18. Section 24 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
55 by striking out, in line 468, the words “the department”.

56 SECTION 19. Section 61 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
57 striking out, in line 53, the words “department of probation” and inserting in place thereof the  
58 following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

59 SECTION 20. Section 34 of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
60 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 45, the words “department of  
61 probation” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

62 SECTION 21. Section 34 of said chapter 94C, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
63 by striking out, in line 49, the words “department of probation” and inserting in place thereof the  
64 following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

65 SECTION 22. Section 129B of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
66 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 155-156, the words  
67 “department of probation” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts  
68 Probation Service.

69 SECTION 23. Section 5B of chapter 119A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
70 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 41-42, the words “office of the  
71 commissioner of probation” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts  
72 Probation Service.

73 SECTION 24. Section 131 of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
74 striking out, in lines 288-289, the words “department of probation” and inserting in place thereof  
75 the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

76 SECTION 25. Section 131 of said chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby further  
77 amended by striking out, in lines 304-305, the words “department of probation” and inserting in  
78 place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

79 SECTION 26. Section 34D of chapter 208 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
80 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 18-19, the words “office of the  
81 commissioner of probation” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts  
82 Probation Service.

83 SECTION 27. Section 32 of chapter 209 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
84 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 36, the words “office of the  
85 commissioner of probation” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts  
86 Probation Service.

87 SECTION 28. Section 5A of chapter 209A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
88 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the words “office of the  
89 commissioner of probation” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts  
90 Probation Service.

91 SECTION 29. Section 7 of said chapter 209A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
92 striking out, in line 137, the words “office of the commissioner of probation” and inserting in  
93 place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

94 SECTION 30. Section 7 of said chapter 209A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
95 by striking out, in lines 118-119, the words “department of probation” and inserting in place  
96 thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

97 SECTION 31. Section 15 of chapter 209C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
98 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 36, the words “office of the  
99 commissioner of probation” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts  
100 Probation Service.

101 SECTION 32. Section 2A of chapter 211D of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
102 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 36, the words “office of the  
103 commissioner of probation” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts  
104 Probation Service.

105 SECTION 33. Section 2 of chapter 211F of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
106 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the words “office of the  
107 commissioner of probation” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts  
108 Probation Service.

109 SECTION 34. Section 35A of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
110 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 18, the words “office of the  
111 commissioner of probation” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts  
112 Probation Service.

113 SECTION 35. Section 9 of chapter 258E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
114 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 22-23, the words “office of the

115 commissioner of probation” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts  
116 Probation Service.

117 SECTION 36. Section 13B <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
118 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 27, the words “of the  
119 department”.

120 SECTION 37. Section 22C of said chapter 265, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
121 striking out, in line 29, the words “of the department”.

122 SECTION 38. Section 23B of said chapter 265, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
123 striking out, in line 26, the words “of the department”.

124 SECTION 39. Section 52 of said chapter 265, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
125 striking out, in line 16, the words “of the department”.

126 SECTION 40. The title of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
127 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out “Board of Probation” and inserting in place  
128 thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

129 SECTION 41. Section 42 of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
130 striking out, in line 25, the words “board of”.

131 SECTION 42. Section 57 of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
132 striking out, in line 45, the words “board of”.

133 SECTION 43. Section 58 of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
134 striking out, in line 67, the words “board of”.



135 SECTION 44. Section 83 of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
136 striking out, in line 2, the words “office of the commissioner of probation” and inserting in place  
137 thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

138 SECTION 45. Section 83 of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
139 by striking out, in line 14, the words “office of the commissioner of probation” and inserting in  
140 place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

141 SECTION 46. Section 83 of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
142 by striking out, in lines 59-60, the words “office of the commissioner of probation” and inserting  
143 in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

144 SECTION 47. Section 83 of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
145 by striking out, in lines 70-71, the words “office of the commissioner of probation” and inserting  
146 in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

147 SECTION 48. Section 98 of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
148 striking out, in the section heading, the words “office of probation” and inserting in place thereof  
149 the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

150 SECTION 49. Section 98 of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
151 by striking out, in line 1, the words “an office of probation” and inserting in place thereof the  
152 following words:- the Massachusetts Probation Service.

153 SECTION 50. Section 98 of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
154 by striking out, in line 11, the words “office of probation” and inserting in place thereof the  
155 following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

156 SECTION 51. Section 98 of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
157 by striking out, in line 12, the words “office of probation” and inserting in place thereof the  
158 following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

159 SECTION 52. Section 98A of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
160 striking out, in line 3, the words “office of probation” and inserting in place thereof the following  
161 words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

162 SECTION 53. Section 98A of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby further  
163 amended by striking out, in lines 27-28, the words “office of probation” and inserting in place  
164 thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

165 SECTION 54. Section 99 of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
166 striking out, in line 2, the words “probation service” and inserting in place thereof the following  
167 words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

168 SECTION 55. Section 99F of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
169 striking out, in the section heading, the words “office of probation” and inserting in place thereof  
170 the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

171 SECTION 56. Section 99F of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby further  
172 amended by striking out, in line 2, the words “office of probation” and inserting in place thereof  
173 the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

174 SECTION 57. Section 100A of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
175 striking out, in lines 2-3, the words “office of the commissioner of probation” and inserting in  
176 place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

177 SECTION 58. Section 100B of said chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
178 striking out, in lines 2-3, the words “office of the commissioner of probation” and inserting in  
179 place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

180 SECTION 59. Section 8 of chapter 276A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
181 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the words “office of the  
182 commissioner” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation  
183 Service.

184 SECTION 60. Section 8 of said chapter 276A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
185 by striking out, in lines 5-6, the words “office of the commissioner” and inserting in place  
186 thereof the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.

187 SECTION 61. Section 9 of said chapter 276A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
188 striking out, in lines 1-2, the words “office of the commissioner” and inserting in place thereof  
189 the following words:- Massachusetts Probation Service.