

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Edward J. Kennedy*

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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 relative to injured correctional officers.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Edward J. Kennedy*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Middlesex*

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**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 relative to injured correctional officers.

*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 18A of Chapter 126 of the Generals Laws is hereby amended by striking the  
2 language thereof, and adding the following:-

3           Section 18A. An employee in a jail or house of correction of a county who, while in the  
4 performance of duty, receives bodily injuries resulting from actions of patients or prisoners in  
5 custody, and who as result of such injury is entitled to benefits under chapter one hundred and  
6 fifty-two, shall be paid, in addition to the benefits of said chapter one hundred and fifty-two, the  
7 difference between the weekly cash benefits to which entitled under said chapter one hundred  
8 and fifty-two and his regular salary, without such absence being charged against available sick  
9 leave credits, even if such absence may be for less than eight calendar days duration.