

SENATE No.

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