

By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1575) of Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., and Clifford H. Marshall, Norfolk County Sheriff, for legislation to further define the duties and responsibilities of sheriffs and their deputies to execute sentences. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-two.

AN ACT TO FURTHER DEFINE THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHERIFFS AND THEIR DEPUTIES TO EXECUTE SENTENCES.

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 34 of Chapter 279 of the General Laws is hereby
 2 amended in line one by deleting "convict" and inserting "in-
 3 mate," in line three delete "to some officer in court" and sub-
 4 stitute "or his deputy", and in line six substitute "inmate" for
 5 "convict" and, by adding the following paragraph: —

6 *Section 2.* The Sheriffs of the several counties and their re-
 7 spective deputies shall have responsibility for the safe and
 8 secure transportation of all prisoners in their custody to and
 9 from the several departments of the Trial Court of the Com-
 10 monwealth. In addition, the Sheriffs and their respective dep-
 11 uties shall be responsible for transporting prisoners, as de-
 12 fined in Chapter 125, Section 1, committed to Massachusetts
 13 Correctional Facilities or by court order from the court to
 14 the institution or the facility as defined by Chapter 123, Sec-
 15 tion 1, including the Intensive Care Unit for Women and the
 16 Intensive Care Unit at Bridgewater, to which they have been
 17 remanded. The expense for transportation of all prisoners
 18 shall be paid by the Commonwealth. The payment shall be
 19 disbursed on a monthly basis from line item 0330-2300 by the
 20 Chief Justice of the Trial Courts to the various treasurers of
 21 said counties on forms prescribed by the Chief Justice. Not-
 22 withstanding any other provisions of laws to the contrary, the
 23 provisions of this law shall take effect upon passage.

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