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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 23, 1898.

The committee on Prisons, to whom was referred the Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Commissioners of Prisons (Pub. Doc. No. 13), report, in part, the accompanying bill.

For the Committee,

THOS. M. DENHAM.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight.

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### AN ACT

Relative to Sentences to the State Prison.

*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 two of chapter five hundred and four of the  
2 acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five  
3 is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said  
4 section and inserting in place thereof the following:  
5 *Section 2.* Any convict, sentenced as aforesaid, whose  
6 record of conduct shows that he has faithfully observed  
7 all the rules of said prison and has not been subjected to  
8 punishment, shall be entitled to release from said prison  
9 upon the expiration of the minimum term of his sentence ;  
10 and he shall then be given a permit to be at liberty  
11 therefrom during the unexpired portion of the maximum  
12 term of his sentence. Said permit shall be issued by  
13 the commissioners of prisons upon such terms and con-  
14 ditions as they shall establish. Any convict, whose  
15 record of conduct shows that he has violated the rules of  
16 said prison, may be given a like permit at such time as  
17 the said commissioners shall determine, after the expira-

18 tion of the minimum term of his sentence. The said  
19 commissioners may revoke any permit given in accord-  
20 ance with this section at any time before the expiration  
21 of the maximum term for which it was issued; and they  
22 shall revoke it when they have knowledge that the person  
23 to whom it was granted has been convicted of any offence  
24 punishable by imprisonment. If the holder of a permit  
25 issued as aforesaid violates any of its terms or condi-  
26 tions, or violates any law of the Commonwealth before  
27 the expiration of said maximum term and is convicted  
28 thereof, either before or after said expiration, such per-  
29 mit shall thereby become void.

