

HOUSE No. 1535

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 12, 1943.

The committee on Public Welfare, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1026) of David M. Cleary for legislation to provide for the parole of prisoners of the State Prison if they can be of assistance in prosecution of the war, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1535).

For the committee,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Three.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAROLE DURING THE EXISTING WAR EMERGENCY OF CERTAIN PRISONERS SENTENCED TO THE STATE PRISON.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose which is to assist in the
3 successful prosecution of the war, therefore it is
4 hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary
5 for the immediate preservation of the public con-
6 venience.

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. If it appears to the parole board to
2 be in the public interest and to aid in the successful
3 prosecution of the war, it may grant to a prisoner,
4 except a prisoner serving a life sentence, in the state
5 prison or a prisoner transferred therefrom to the
6 Massachusetts reformatory or the state prison colony
7 who has served two and one half years of his sentence,
8 a special permit to be at liberty during the remainder
9 of his term of sentence, upon such terms and condi-
10 tions as said board shall prescribe. A prisoner held
11 upon two or more sentences, except those to be served
12 concurrently, may be eligible for release under this

13 section when he has served two and one half years
14 of his aggregate sentences.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall be effective only during
2 the continuance of the existing state of war between
3 the United States and any foreign country.

