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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, April 10, 1980.

The committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 627) of John J. Buckley, sheriff, Middlesex County, for legislation to regulate compensation for inmates of correctional institutions of the Commonwealth in connection with prison industries; credits, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2045).

For the Committee,

JACK H. BACKMAN

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR INMATES OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 The commissioner of correction is hereby authorized and  
2 directed to establish in one of the correctional institutions of  
3 the commonwealth, a system of compensation, in line with the  
4 prevailing minimum wage, for inmates who perform good and  
5 satisfactory work either within the industrial program or in  
6 the servicing and maintenance of the correctional institution.  
7 Upon the recommendation of the superintendent, the commis-  
8 sioner may establish a graduated scale of compensation above  
9 the prevailing minimum wage to be paid inmates in accord-  
10 ance with their skill and industry. The commissioner shall  
11 establish, and may at any time amend or annul, rules and  
12 regulations for carrying out the purposes of this section.

13 An inmate shall agree to deliver his total earnings, minus  
14 tax and similar deductions, to the superintendent of the cor-  
15 rectional institution. At no time shall any inmate personally  
16 receive any monies, checks or the like during the term of his  
17 imprisonment. The superintendent of the institution shall de-  
18 duct from the earnings delivered to him the following: —

19 First an amount determined by the superintendent for sub-  
20 stantial reimbursement to the commonwealth for providing  
21 food, lodging and clothing for such inmate; second the amount  
22 for support of his wife and children as ordered by any court;  
23 third, the amount arrived at with public welfare department;  
24 fourth, sums voluntarily agreed to for family allotments and  
25 for personal necessities while confined. The remainder of the  
26 moneys so earned shall be accumulated to the credit of the  
27 inmate and shall be deposited by the superintendent as a  
28 trustee in a bank approved by the state treasurer and paid to

29 the inmate upon his release from the institution in such in-  
30 stallments and at such times as may be described in the rules  
31 and regulations.

32 On or before December 1981, the commissioner shall evaluate  
33 the rehabilitative value and the cost-effectiveness of the pro-  
34 gram, and shall recommend to the legislature whether the pro-  
35 gram should be extended, altered, or eliminated.

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