

By Mr. Switzler of Wellesley (by request), petition of Paula K. Lewellen and another that persons convicted of crimes be required to pay certain costs for incarceration. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PRISON REFORM.

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. Any person guilty of any crime shall:
2 a. pay the cost of his or her room and board in a corrections
3 facility.
4 b. work no less than eight hours per day, five days per week.
5 c. be paid at least the minimum wage for the work performed.
6 d. clean and repair prisoner living quarters on Saturday.
7 e. have available on Sunday religious services of his or her
8 choice.
9 f. have available suitable recreation activities of his or her
10 choice.

1 SECTION 2. In addition to the costs to be paid under Section
2 1, each prisoner shall pay restitution to his or her victim. If addi-
3 tional funds are available, the prisoner shall support his or her
4 family.

1 SECTION 3. If any criminal act is performed by the prisoner
2 during incarceration, he or she shall be fined. The sum shall be paid
3 to the Rehabilitation Fund. The Commissioner of Corrections
4 shall expend money from the Rehabilitation Fund to provide
5 teaching and recreational activities for prisoners in the institution
6 in which the offense occurred.

1 SECTION 4. Hardened criminals shall not be housed in the
2 same buildings as first offenders or persons under eighteen years of
3 age.