

HOUSE No. 515.

[Mr. RIDEOUT of Cambridge gives notice that he will move to substitute this Bill for the Bill which is printed as Senate No. 191.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To provide for Grading and Classifying Prisoners
in 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 1. The commissioners of prisons
2 shall make rules for grading and classifying pris-
3 oners held in the state prison, and may change
4 the same from time to time. Said rules shall
5 provide for the establishment of at least three
6 grades, and for promotions or degradations from
7 one grade to another on the basis of behavior and
8 industry. They shall provide in said rules for
9 the forfeiture by men in the lower grades, of priv-
10 ileges to which they would be entitled in the

11 upper grades, and for such difference of dress as
12 shall distinguish the several grades. Said rules,
13 and all changes thereof, shall be subject to the
14 approval of the governor and council.

1 SECT. 2. When said rules have been estab-
2 lished, said commissioners shall make other rules
3 which shall enable the warden to designate the
4 grades to which the men then in prison shall be
5 assigned.

1 SECT. 3. Said commissioners may provide that
2 men in the lowest grade shall be kept in a build-
3 ing by themselves, in which they shall be wholly
4 separated from those in other grades and from
5 each other.

1 SECT. 4. In carrying out the provisions of
2 chapter fifty-five of the resolves of the year
3 eighteen hundred and ninety, provision shall be
4 made for the construction of cells in which the
5 separation authorized by section three shall be
6 secured, said cells to be so arranged that prison-
7 ers occupying them may be employed therein.

