

HOUSE No. 1908

By Mr. Feeney of Boston, petition of John A. Gavin for legislation to clarify the law authorizing the Commissioner of Correction to permit the transfer of prisoners sentenced to State Prison, except one serving a life sentence, to a house of correction. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW OF THE TRANSFER POWERS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTION AND TO PERMIT THE TRANSFER OF A PRISONER SENTENCED TO STATE PRISON EXCEPT ONE SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE TO A HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

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 97 of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as most re-
2 cently amended by chapter 634 of the acts of 1958, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out section 97 and inserting in
4 place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 97.* The commissioner may transfer any sentenced
6 prisoner from one correctional institution of the commonwealth
7 to another, and with the approval of the sheriff of the county
8 from any such correctional institution except a prisoner serving
9 a life sentence to any jail or house of correction, or a sentenced
10 prisoner from any jail or house of correction to a correctional
11 institution of the commonwealth except the state prison, or from
12 any jail or house of correction to any other jail or house of cor-
13 rection. Prisoners so removed shall be subject to the terms of
14 their original sentences and to the provisions of law governing
15 parole from the correctional institutions of the commonwealth.

