

HOUSE No. 4560

By Mr. Danovitch of Norwood, petition of Charles W. Hedges and Alan Paul Danovitch for the establishment of a security force in each county of the Commonwealth to protect and safeguard the lives of inmates and officers under the supervision of the sheriff. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT BY THE SHERIFF OF EACH COUNTY IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF A SECURITY FORCE TO PROTECT AND SAFEGUARD THE LIVES OF INMATES AND OFFICERS UNDER HIS CHARGE AND ALSO THE COUNTY PROPERTY UNDER HIS GENERAL SUPERVISION.

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

1 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
2 sheriff of each county in the commonwealth is hereby author-
3 ized to establish a security force to protect and safeguard the
4 lives of inmates and officers under his charge and to protect
5 county property under his general supervision. Experienced
6 personnel such as off-duty police officers, correction officers
7 and similarly qualified persons may be so employed and shall
8 act as deputies of the sheriff. Members of such a security force
9 shall be equipped and paid by the county. The rate of pay
10 shall be thirty-five dollars for each tour of duty consisting of
11 eight hours.

