

[Similar Matter Filed During Past Session —

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SENATE No. 606

By Mr. Backman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 606) of Jack H. Backman and Barbara Hildt for legislation relative to correspondence rights of prisoners. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PERMIT PRISONERS TO MAIL LETTERS.

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 87 of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as most recently
- 2 amended by chapter 485 of the acts of 1979, is hereby further
- 3 amended by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof
- 4 the following: —
- 5 Section 87 Every inmate of a correctional institution of the
- 6 commonwealth or any other penal institution in the common-
- 7 wealth shall have the right to write letters and deposit them, sealed,
- 8 in locked letter boxes. All letters so deposited shall be conveyed to
- 9 federal postal authorities for delivery.

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