

**SENATE . . . . . No. 221**

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By Ms. Walsh, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 221) of Marian Walsh, Bruce E. Tarr, Guy W. Glodis, David P. Linsky, other members of the General Court and another for legislation relative to the punishment for murder. Criminal Justice.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year Two Thousand and One.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PUNISHMENT FOR MURDER.

*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. Section 49 of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 inserting after the word “facility,” in line 21, the following  
4 words:— ; provided, further, that no person serving a sentence for  
5 murder in the second degree shall be eligible for education,  
6 training or employment programs established outside a correc-  
7 tional facility before the expiration of 22 years of such sentence.

1 SECTION 2. Section 90A of said chapter 127, as so appearing, is  
2 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 18 to 20, inclusive, the  
3 words “and, provided further, that no committed offender who has  
4 been convicted of murder in the first degree shall be eligible for tem-  
5 porary release under the provisions of this section”, and inserting in  
6 place thereof the following:— provided further, that no committed  
7 offender who has been convicted of murder in the first degree shall  
8 be eligible for temporary release under the provisions of this section;  
9 and provided further, that no committed offender who has been con-  
10 victed of murder in the second degree shall be eligible before the  
11 expiration of 22 years of such sentence.

1 SECTION 3. Section 133A of said chapter 127, as so  
2 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the word  
3 “fifteen” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:— 25.

