

By Mr. Craven of Boston, petition of James J. Craven, Jr., for legislation to direct the Department of Correction to construct and maintain a jail and house of correction for Suffolk County as a replacement for the Charles Street Jail and the Deer Island House of Correction. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COMMONWEALTH TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN THE REPLACEMENT FACILITIES FOR THE CHARLES STREET JAIL AND THE DEER ISLAND HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

1     *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat  
2 its purpose, which is to provide funds immediately to construct a  
3 jail and a house of correction for Suffolk County, therefore it is  
4 hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the imme-  
5 diate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 department of correction shall construct and  
2 thereafter operate and maintain a jail and a house of correction for  
3 Suffolk County.

1     SECTION 2. For the purposes of section one, said department  
2 may expend such sums as may be necessary for such construction  
3 not exceeding twenty-seven million dollars.

1     SECTION 3. To meet the expenditure necessary in carrying out  
2 the provisions of section one of this act, the state treasurer shall,  
3 upon request of the governor and council, issue and sell at public or  
4 private sale bonds of the commonwealth, registered or with interest  
5 coupons attached, as he may deem best, to an amount to be  
6 specified by the governor from time to time, but not exceeding in

7 the aggregate, the sum of twenty-seven million dollars. All bonds  
8 issued by the commonwealth, as aforesaid, shall be designated on  
9 their face Suffolk County Jail and House of Correction Loan Act  
10 of 1977, and shall be on the serial payment plan for such maximum  
11 term of years, not exceeding twenty years, as the governor may  
12 recommend to the general court pursuant to section 3 of Article  
13 LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Common-  
14 wealth, the maturities thereof to be so arranged that the amounts  
15 payable in the several years of the period so amortization other  
16 than the final year shall be as nearly equal as in the opinion of the  
17 state treasurer it is practicable to make them. Said bonds shall bear  
18 interest semi-annually at such rate as the state treasurer, with the  
19 approval of the governor, shall fix. The initial maturities of such  
20 bonds shall be payable not later than June thirtieth, nineteen  
21 hundred and ninety-seven.

1 SECTION 4. The department of correction is hereby autho-  
2 rized and directed to take all necessary actions to secure any federal  
3 funds which is or may become available to said department for the  
4 purposes of this act. If any federal law, administrative regulation or  
5 practice requires any action relative to such federal assistance to  
6 betaken by any department, agency or other instrumentality of the  
7 commonwealth other than said department, such other depart-  
8 ment, agency or instrumentality is authorized and directed to take  
9 such action. In furtherance of the foregoing purposes, said depart-  
10 ment shall accept any federal funds available for projects author-  
11 ized in section one of this act and such federal funds when received  
12 shall be used for the payment of bonds issued under section three.

1 SECTION 5. All persons employed at Suffolk county jail or at  
2 Suffolk county house of correction shall, upon completion of the  
3 facilities authorized by this act, become employees of the common-  
4 wealth without loss of seniority or other rights and without reduc-  
5 tion in rank or compensation and shall thereafter become eligible  
6 for group, general or blanket insurance under the provisions of  
7 chapter thirty-two A of the General Laws without interruption of  
8 coverage under any previous place.