

By Mr. DeNucci of Newton, petition of A. Joseph DeNucci for legislation to further regulate the term of office of the Commissioner of Correction. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

**AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTION**

1     *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat  
2 its purpose, which is to further regulate the term of office of the  
3 commissioner of correction, therefore, it is hereby declared to be  
4 an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the  
5 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. There shall be a department of corrections, under  
2 the supervision and control of a commissioner of correction. The  
3 commissioner shall be the executive and administrative head of the  
4 department and all officers and employees of the department and  
5 all of the correctional institutions of the commonwealth shall be  
6 under his supervision and control. He shall receive a salary of  
7 forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars and shall devote his full  
8 time during business hours to the duties of his office. A commis-  
9 sioner shall be appointed by the governor for a term of five years.  
10 Any person appointed to said office shall, at the time of his  
11 appointment, have had at least five years of adult correctional  
12 administrative experience and have an established record of high  
13 character and qualities of leadership.

1 SECTION 2 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or  
2 special law to the contrary, the present commissioner of correction  
3 shall serve a full term of five years from the date on which he was  
4 appointed.