

Accompanying the thirty-ninth recommendation of the Executive Office of Public Safety (House, No. 173). Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLASSIFICATION OF PRISONERS.

*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 20 of chapter 127 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 inserting at the end of the second paragraph the following sen-  
4 tence: —

5 Classification boards recommending a prisoner's grading and  
6 classification shall consist of correction officers, prison camp offi-  
7 cers, correctional counselors, unit managers, directors of classifi-  
8 cation, or deputy superintendents provided however, no less than  
9 three such members shall constitute a full board; and provided  
10 further, that in a facility designated by the commissioner as max-  
11 imum or medium security one member shall be a correction  
12 officer and in a facility designated by the commissioner as a com-  
13 munity correction facility one member shall be an employee of the  
14 department whose primary role includes security responsibilities.  
15 All members shall be appointed by the superintendent of the cor-  
16 rectional facility.

1 SECTION 2. Section 49A of chapter 127 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following: —

5 Said committees shall consist of correction officers, or prison  
6 camp officers, correctional counselors, unit managers, directors of  
7 classification, or deputy superintendents; provided however, that  
8 no less than three such members shall constitute a full board; and

9 provided further, that in a facility designated by the commissioner  
10 as maximum or medium security one member shall be a correction  
11 officer and in a facility designated by the commissioner as a com-  
12 munity correction facility one member shall be an employee of the  
13 department whose primary role includes security responsibilities.  
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15 rectional facility.