[Similar Matter Filed During Past Session — See Senate No. 625 of 1982]

SENATE No. 766

By Mr. Backman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 766) of Jack H. Backman for legislation to govern the forfeiture of prisoners' good time. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT GOVERNING THE FORFEITURE OF PRISONERS' GOOD TIME.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 127 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 striking the last sentence in the first paragraph of section
- 3 129 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: —
- 4 If a prisoner violates any rule of his place of confinement,
- 5 the commissioner of correction, the county commissioners,
- 6 and, in Suffolk County, the penal institutions commissioner
- 7 of Boston, upon the recommendation and evidence submitted
- 8 to them respectively, in writing by the principal officer, or
- 9 officer in charge, shall decide what part, if any, of such good
- 10 conduct deduction from the preceding three months of such
- 11 prisoner's sentence or sentences shall be forfeited by such
- 12 violation, and may likewise determine, in the event of the
- 13 prisoner's subsequent good conduct, whether any or all of such
 - 14 deduction shall be restored.

