

HOUSE No. 1081

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray, Marie E. Howe, Sandra Graham, Sharon M. Pollard and Mary Jeanette Murray relative to authorizing the Department of Public Health to make periodic inspections of houses of correction and prisons. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO MAKE PERIODIC INSPECTIONS OF HOUSES OF CORRECTION AND PRISONS.

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 21 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding to the last paragraph: — The department shall
3 periodically make inspections of police station houses, lock up,
4 houses of detention, jails, houses of correction, prisons, and reform-
5 atories to assure that they are in compliance with said rules. The
6 department shall make a report of each inspection documenting
7 instances of compliance and non-compliance with said rules. This
8 report shall be submitted to the mayor or selectmen of the city or
9 town in which the facility is located, as well as to the authorities of
10 said facilities. Upon receiving this report, said authorities shall,
11 within a reasonable amount of time, submit to the department a
12 report documenting the action taken to bring the facility into
13 compliance with said rules. Both of these reports shall be submitted
14 to the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

