

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 647

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By Mr. Healy of Charlemont, petition of Jonathan L. Healy for legislation to establish a minimum scale of compensation for inmate labor. Social Welfare.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

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### AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM SCALE OF COMPENSATION FOR INMATE LABOR.

*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 48A of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as most  
2 recently amended by chapter 590 of the acts of 1960, is  
3 hereby further amended by striking out the first paragraph of  
4 said section and inserting in place thereof the following para-  
5 graph: —

6 Subject to appropriation from the General Fund, and upon  
7 the recommendations of the superintendents of each correc-  
8 tional institution, the commissioner shall establish a graduated  
9 scale of compensation to be paid to the inmates of the correc-  
10 tional institutions of the commonwealth in accordance with  
11 their skill and industry; provided that said scale of compensa-  
12 tion shall not start below one dollar (\$1.00) per day. The  
13 commissioner shall establish and from time to time amend and  
14 revise rules and regulations for carrying out the purposes of  
15 this section.

