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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Joyce A. Spiliotis**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General  
 Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Relative to the Conditions of Probation.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act Relative to the Conditions of Probation.

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

Section 1.. Section 87A of Chapter 276, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “specified rehabilitation programs”, in line 5, the following words:

“, which shall not run concurrently”

Section2. Said section 87A of said Chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “stated period of time.”, in line 7, the following words:

“In the event a court includes more than one specified rehabilitative program, the sentencing judge shall promptly write an opinion explaining the reasons for the issuance of a specified rehabilitative program.”

Section 3. Section 98 of said Chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “the evaluation of the probation service in each court of the commonwealth”, in line 19, the following words:

“, which shall include an evaluation of a probation officer’s ability to insure a probationer meets the conditions of probation,”

Section 4. Section 101 of said Chapter 276, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “with his suggestions or recommendations.”, in line 5, the following words:

“The report shall include employment and educational attainment statistics for all probationers who complete a probation sentence during the year.”