

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin Swan

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 prohibiting tethering, leashing, and other restraints of prisoners in work release programs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Benjamin Swan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

11th Hampden

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1737 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

**AN ACT PROHIBITING TETHERING, LEASHING, AND OTHER RESTRAINTS OF PRISONERS
IN WORK RELEASE PROGRAMS.**

*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. Chapter 127 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the
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3 following new section:—
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5 Section 49C. No prisoner in the care and custody of the department of correction, nor
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7 county corrections participating in any work or employment program outside the
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9 institution to which he or she stands committed shall be subjected to any physical
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11 “proactive restraints”, so-called, including, but not limited to, chains and other linkage or
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13 tethering devices, stun guns, so-called, and any mechanisms which deliver a current of
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15 electricity to the person.
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