

HOUSE No. 1261

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carlos Gonzalez

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

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

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Carlos Gonzalez

10th Hampden

Russell E. Holmes

6th Suffolk

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By Mr. Gonzalez of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1261) of Carlos Gonzalez and Russell E. Holmes for legislation to prohibit tethering, leashing and certain other methods for the restraining of prisoners participating in work release programs. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2181 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**
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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
2 following new section:—

3 Section 49C. No prisoner in the care and custody of the department of correction, nor
4 county corrections participating in any work or employment program outside the institution to
5 which he or she stands committed shall be subjected to any physical “proactive restraints”, so-
6 called, including, but not limited to, chains and other linkage or tethering devices, stun guns, so-
7 called, and any mechanisms which deliver a current of electricity to the person.