

HOUSE No. 01377

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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Benjamin Swan of Springfield, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01377) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others for legislation to prohibit tethering, leashing or the use of certain other restraints of prisoners participating in work release programs. Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 1750 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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