

HOUSE No. 1459

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

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 amending MGL Chapter 127 Section 119A.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>

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By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1459) of Bruce J. Ayers and others relative to medical parole due to a terminal illness or permanent incapacitation. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act amending MGL Chapter 127 Section 119A.

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

1 MGL Chapter 127 Section 119A, shall be amended by striking the following:

2 "(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a prisoner may be
3 eligible for medical parole due to a terminal illness or permanent incapacitation pursuant to
4 subsections (c) and (d)."; and shall be further amended by inserting in its place thereof:

5 "(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a prisoner, not convicted
6 of first-degree murder under MGL chapter 265 section 1, unless that prisoner had not attained the
7 age of 18 years at the time of the murder, may be eligible for medical parole due to a terminal
8 illness or permanent incapacitation pursuant to subsections (c) and (d)."