

HOUSE No. 1750

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:
Benjamin Swan	11th Hampden
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Gloria L. Fox	7th Suffolk
Byron Rushing	9th Suffolk

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