

HOUSE No. 1776

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christopher M. Markey

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 relative to earned work credits.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Christopher M. Markey</i> | <i>9th Bristol</i> | <i>2/17/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Markey of Dartmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1776) of Christopher M. Markey for legislation to provide for certain deductions of sentences for satisfactory conduct of parolees while on parole. The Judiciary.

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

An Act relative to earned work credits.

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, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended in Section 129B by inserting after the first paragraph, the following
3 paragraph:-

4 For the satisfactory conduct of a parolee while on parole and subject to the supervision of
5 the Parole Board, who is deemed to be satisfactorily in compliance with the conditions of
6 supervision set by said Parole Board, the Chair of the Parole Board or designee may grant, in
7 addition to the deductions of sentence provided under sections one hundred and twenty-nine and
8 one hundred and twenty-nine C, further deductions from the maximum term of his sentence or
9 sentences, however, that in no event shall said deductions exceed a maximum monthly total of
10 10 days. For a parolee’s successful completion of 6 months of satisfactory compliance with the
11 conditions of parole, as designated by the Chair of the Parole Board or designee, the Chair or
12 designee may grant an additional deduction of sentence of up to 10 days, to be deducted in the

13 month during which successful compliance with the conditions of parole is achieved. Such
14 further deduction of sentence shall be added to any deduction to which the parolee is entitled
15 under said section 129C for reducing the term of imprisonment by deduction from the maximum
16 term for which the parolee may be held under the parolee's sentence or sentences, and for
17 reducing from the minimum term of the sentence or sentences the good conduct credits earned
18 under this section for parole eligibility as provided under section 133. No parolee shall be
19 eligible for a reduced sentence under this section unless they have been deemed by the Chair or
20 designee to be satisfactorily in compliance with the conditions of parole.