

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1905**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Chynah Tyler*

*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 establishing a jail and prison construction moratorium.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/20/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Orlando Ramos</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/16/2021</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/23/2021</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/26/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>3/26/2021</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>



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By Ms. Tyler of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1905) of Chynah Tyler and others relative to establishing a jail and prison construction moratorium. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act establishing a jail and prison construction moratorium.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to forthwith to establish an immediate prison and jail moratorium, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and health.

*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 7C of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 72 the following section:-

3           Section 73. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the  
4 contrary, a state agency or public agency shall not:

5           (1) study, plan, design, acquire, lease, search for sites, or construct new correctional  
6 facilities as defined in section 1 of chapter 125;

7           (2) expand the capacity of an existing correctional facility beyond its current design or  
8 rated capacity;

9           (3) convert any part of an existing or dormant correctional facility for the purpose of  
10 detention or incarceration, including to change or expand the populations incarcerated in that  
11 facility

12           (4) renovate an existing or dormant correctional facility beyond requirements for  
13 maintenance or to comply with building code requirements; or

14           (5) repair an existing or dormant correctional facility for the purposes of expanding the  
15 facility or increasing its bed capacity.

16           SECTION 2. Section 73 of chapter 7C of the General Laws shall expire 5 years after the  
17 effective date of this act.