

HOUSE No. 02212

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 relative to the alleviation of costs incurred while housing prisoners in the Commonwealth..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>George Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Kevin Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Sheila Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Kimberly Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Matthew Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Vieira,</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>

George N. Peterson, Jr.

9th Worcester

Elizabeth Poirier

14th Bristol

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2212) of Frost and others relative to the alleviation of costs incurred while housing prisoners in the Commonwealth Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 1442 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act relative to the alleviation of costs incurred while housing prisoners in the Commonwealth..

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. Section 1 of chapter 124 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new subsection:—
- 3 (v) adopt policies and procedures, in consultation with the county sheriffs, establishing an
4 optional fee, of a maximum of \$5, to be paid by inmates for daily room and board at any county
5 or state correctional facility. Based on an inmate’s ability to pay, the commissioner or a county
6 sheriff may charge each inmate a reasonable daily room and board fee on a sliding scale. The
7 commissioner of corrections may deduct such fee from the inmate's account as provided for in

8 section 48A of chapter 127. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, room and board shall not
9 be denied if the inmate is incapable of paying the daily room and board fee.