

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2315**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Finn***

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*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 correctional officer compensation.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Michael J. Finn*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*6th Hampden*

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2315**

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2315) of Michael J. Finn relative to the salaries of correctional officers employed in sheriff's departments. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act relative to correctional officer compensation.

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

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

3 SECTION 1: Whereas, there currently exists a disparity between the first year base salary  
4 of a correctional officer employed by the various sheriff's departments of the commonwealth and  
5 the first year base salary of a correctional officer employed by the Massachusetts Department of  
6 Correction;

7 Whereas, the work performed by correctional officers employed by the various sheriff's  
8 departments of the Commonwealth is substantially similar to the work performed by correctional  
9 officers employed by the Massachusetts Department of Correction;

10 Whereas, correctional officers employed by the various sheriff's departments of the  
11 commonwealth perform dangerous and important work critical to the public safety.

12 Whereas, it is a priority to attract and retain highly qualified and professional correctional  
13 officers to the various county sheriff's departments of the commonwealth.

14 SECTION 2: Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the first year  
15 base salary of a correctional officer employed by a sheriff's department shall not be less than  
16 ninety per cent of the first year base salary of a correctional officer employed by the  
17 Massachusetts Department of Correction.