

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: |
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| Christopher M. Markey | 9th Bristol |

By Mr. Markey of Dartmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3095) of Christopher M. Markey for legislation to provide for certain deductions of sentences for satisfactory conduct of a parolee while on parole. The Judiciary.

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court (2017-2018)

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:

SECTION 1. The General Laws as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition are hereby
amended in Section 129B of Chapter 127 by inserting after the first paragraph, the following
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.

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