

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1277**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Patricia D. Jehlen***

*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 end of life choices of inmates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Patricia D. Jehlen*

*Gloria L. Fox*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Middlesex*

*7th Suffolk*

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1277) of Patricia D. Jehlen and Gloria L. Fox for legislation relative to end of life choices of inmates. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to end of life choices of inmates.

*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 is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 117A the following new section:-

3           Section 117B. Except where otherwise prohibited by law, an inmate’s personal choices  
4 about end of life care, as evidenced through a do-not-resuscitate order or advanced directives,  
5 shall be followed corrections and medical personnel.