

HOUSE No. 1900

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 relative to telephone service for inmates in all correctional and other penal institutions in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</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>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Brandy Fluker Oakley</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/17/2021</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/25/2021</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/4/2021</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/7/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>4/14/2021</i>

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By Ms. Tyler of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1900) of Chynah Tyler and others relative to telephone service for inmates in correctional institutions. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3452 OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

—————
In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)
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An Act relative to telephone service for inmates in all correctional and other penal institutions 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. Chapter 127 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 87 the following section:-

3 Section 87A. State and local agencies charged with the operation and management of
4 state prisons, local jails, and juvenile detention centers shall provide persons in their custody and
5 confined in a correctional or detention facility with voice communication service free of charge.
6 Communications shall be maximized to the extent possible. Nothing in this section shall abrogate
7 existing law preserving in-person contact visits. Such state and local agencies may supplement
8 voice communication service with other communication services, including, but not limited to,
9 video communication and electronic communication services. To the extent that such voice

- 10 communication service or any other communication service is provided, each such service shall
- 11 be provided free of charge to the person initiating and the person receiving the communication.