

HOUSE No. 2422

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven George Xiarhos

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 the security of exercise equipment and free weights in correctional institutions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>

<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Jeffrey Rosario Turco</i>	<i>19th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>

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By Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2422) of Steven George Xiarhos and others relative to the security of exercise equipment and free weights in correctional institutions. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to the security of exercise equipment and free weights in correctional institutions.

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. This Act shall be commonly known as "Matt's Law".

2 SECTION 2. Section 14 of Chapter 125 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
3 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following sentence:- The
4 superintendent shall be responsible for ensuring that any and all exercise equipment accessible
5 by inmates is secured in order to prevent its removal and that no inmate in a medium-security or
6 maximum-security correctional institution has access to any free weights.