

HOUSE No. 827

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carlos Gonzalez

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 to establish the Massachusetts prisoner bone marrow donation orogram.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Carlos Gonzalez

10th Hampden

Bud Williams

11th Hampden

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By Mr. Gonzalez of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 827) of Carlos Gonzalez and Bud Williams for legislation to establish the prisoner bone marrow donation program in the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1621 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act to establish the Massachusetts prisoner bone marrow donation orogram.

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

1 Notwithstanding and law to the contrary, the following act Massachusetts Prisoner Bone
2 Marrow Donation Program

3 Section 1. There shall be established a bone marrow donation program within the
4 Department of Correction. Accepted and eligible prisoners will be able to gain up to a sixty day
5 reduction in the length of their sentence for an amount of bone marrow donated to be determined
6 by the Bone Marrow Donation Committee. Said committee shall be made of the following:

- 7 (a) The Medical Director of the Department of Corrections
- 8 (b) A Bone Marrow Specialist from a Commonwealth hospital;
- 9 (c) A Representative of an organization advocating for bone marrow donations;

10 Said committee shall be responsible for the effective implementation and ongoing
11 administration of the {Prisoner Bone Marrow Donation program. Annual reports including actual
12 amounts of bone marrow donated, and the estimated life-savings associated with said donations,
13 to be filed with the Executive and Legislative branches of the Commonwealth. All costs
14 associated with the Bone Marrow Donation Program will be done by the benefiting institutions
15 of the program, and their affiliates-not by the Department of Correction. There will be no
16 commissions or monetary payments to be made to the Department of Correction for bone
17 marrow donated by inmates.