

SENATE No. 1297

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Karen E. Spilka

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 establishing an eastern Massachusetts women’s county corrections facility.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Karen E. Spilka

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Middlesex and Norfolk

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By Ms. Spilka, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1297) of Karen E. Spilka for legislation to establish an eastern Massachusetts women’s county corrections facility. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act establishing an eastern Massachusetts women’s county corrections facility.

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 any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be established a
2 women's regional correctional facility in Eastern Massachusetts to address the unique and
3 specific needs of female pre-trial detainees and county offenders in Suffolk, Middlesex, Essex,
4 Norfolk, Plymouth and Barnstable counties. This facility will provide specialized programming,
5 access to vital medical services and shall address specific needs of incarcerated women not
6 currently provided by the Commonwealth.