

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1538**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Barrett***

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*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 protecting inmate safety and the expenditure of state funds.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Michael J. Barrett*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Third Middlesex*

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By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1538) of Michael J. Barrett for legislation to protect inmate safety and the expenditure of state funds. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1357 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act protecting inmate safety and the expenditure of state funds.

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

1 Chapter 127 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 170. No inmate or prisoner placed in the custody of a sheriff shall be transported  
4 outside of the commonwealth for the purposes of labor or public or community service  
5 programing unless there exists a bona fide public health or safety emergency. If such a bona fide  
6 public health or safety emergency exists, the sheriff shall file a description of the purpose, the  
7 proposed mode of transportation, the estimated duration of the time to be spent outside of the  
8 commonwealth, the housing and security arrangements to be made during the proposed stay and  
9 the estimated cost of the entire undertaking with the secretary of administration and finance, the  
10 secretary of the executive office of public safety and security, the chairs of the joint committee

11 on public safety and homeland security and the chairs of the senate and house committees on  
12 ways and means and shall obtain written approval from the secretary of administration and  
13 finance and the secretary of the executive office of public safety and security prior to the  
14 commencement of said transport.