

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1653**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John C. Velis*

*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 health of correctional employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1653) of John C. Velis and Timothy R. Whelan for legislation relative to the health of correctional employees. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to the health of correctional employees.

*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 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-  
2 94C. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary  
3 affecting the non-contributory or contributory system, any condition of impairment of health  
4 caused by Post Traumatic Stress Disorder resulting in total or partial disability or death to an  
5 employee of a correctional facility, shall, if he successfully passed a physical examination on  
6 entry into such service, or subsequently successfully passed a physical examination, which  
7 examination failed to reveal any evidence of such condition, be presumed to have been suffered  
8 in the line of duty, unless the contrary be shown by competent evidence.