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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian R. Mannal

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to reclassification and early termination of finally classified sex offenders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Brian R. Mannal	*2nd Barnstable*

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By Mr. Mannal of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1491) of Brian R. Mannal relative to reclassification and early termination of finally classified sex offenders. The Judiciary.

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An Act relative to reclassification and early termination of finally classified sex offenders.

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

SECTION 1. Section 178L of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after line 78 and before line 79 the following paragraph:

(d) Reclassification. The provisions of this section shall apply to any petition by the board to increase a sex offender's final classification level and any petition by a sex offender to lower his final classification level. The board shall inform sex offenders requesting reclassification that they have the right to request a hearing under the provisions of this subsection and the right to have counsel appointed if a sex offender is deemed to be indigent as determined by the board using the standards under chapter 211D.

(e) Early Termination. The provisions of this section shall apply to any petition by a sex offender to terminate his registration obligation after ten years, pursuant to G. L. c. 6, §178G. The board shall inform sex offenders requesting early termination that they have the right to request a hearing under the provisions of this subsection and the right to have counsel appointed if a sex offender is deemed to be indigent as determined by the board using the standards under chapter 211D.