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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 the alleviation of costs incurred while housing prisoners in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| *Bradley H. Jones, Jr.* | *20th Middlesex* |
| *Donald F. Humason, Jr.* | *4th Hampden* |
| *Randy Hunt* | *5th Barnstable* |
| *F. Jay Barrows* | *1st Bristol* |
| *Shaunna O'Connell* | *3rd Bristol* |
| *Susan Williams Gifford* | *2nd Plymouth* |
| *George T. Ross* | *2nd Bristol* |
| *Todd M. Smola* | *1st Hampden* |
| *Kevin J. Kuros* | *8th Worcester* |
| *Sheila C. Harrington* | *1st Middlesex* |
| *Kimberly N. Ferguson* | *1st Worcester* |
| *Matthew A. Beaton* | *11th Worcester* |
| *Steven L. Levy* | *4th Middlesex* |
| *David T. Vieira* | *3rd Barnstable* |
| *Paul K. Frost* | *7th Worcester* |
| *Viriato Manuel deMacedo* | *1st Plymouth* |
| *George N. Peterson, Jr.* | *9th Worcester* |

*Elizabeth A. Poirier* | *14th Bristol*

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2212) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the alleviation of costs incurred while housing prisoners in the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *1442* OF 2009-2010.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act relative to the alleviation of costs incurred while housing prisoners in the Commonwealth.

*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 1 of chapter 124 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new subsection:—

(v) adopt policies and procedures, in consultation with the county sheriffs, establishing an optional fee, of a maximum of $5, to be paid by inmates for daily room and board at any county or state correctional facility. Based on an inmate's ability to pay, the commissioner or a county sheriff may charge each inmate a reasonable daily room and board fee on a sliding scale. The commissioner of corrections may deduct such fee from the inmate's account as provided for in section 48A of chapter 127. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, room and board shall not be denied if the inmate is incapable of paying the daily room and board fee.