

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1737

By Mr. Swan of Springfield, petition of Benjamin Swan and others for legislation to prohibit tethering, leashing or the use of certain other restraints of prisoners participating in work release programs. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Benjamin Swan	Byron Rushing
Kay Khan	Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.
William Lantigua	Antonio F. D. Cabral
Ruth B. Balsler	Alice Hanlon Peisch
Elizabeth A. Malia	

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT PROHIBITING TETHERING, LEASHING, AND OTHER RESTRAINTS OF PRISONERS IN WORK RELEASE PROGRAMS.

*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 is hereby amended by inserting  
2 the following new section:—

3 Section 49C. No prisoner in the care and custody of the depart-  
4 ment of correction, nor county corrections participating in any work  
5 or employment program outside the institution to which he or she  
6 stands committed shall be subjected to any physical “proactive  
7 restraints”, so-called, including, but not limited to, chains and other  
8 linkage or tethering devices, stun guns, so-called, and any  
9 mechanisms which deliver a current of electricity to the person.