

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1750

By Mr. Vallee of Franklin, petition of James E. Vallee relative to the supervision of persons on parole from correctional facilities. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SUPERVISION OF INDIVIDUALS ON PAROLE FROM A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

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

1 Section 131 of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following  
3 new paragraph:—

4 In its statement to the prisoner being released on parole, the  
5 parole board shall include requirements relating to the social adjust-  
6 ment of the parolee. Said requirements relating shall include infor-  
7 mation as to where the parolee should go for assistance relating to  
8 employment, housing and substance abuse. The Board in preparing  
9 the information shall consult with the Executive Office of Commu-  
10 nities and Development, and the Department of Employment and  
11 training. The prisoner's parole officer shall require the parolee to  
12 utilize the services of the appropriate agency should he determine  
13 that the parolee is in need of assistance. The parole officer shall  
14 submit a written request to his supervisor, to order random testing  
15 for substance abuse, should in his opinion, it appear that the parolee  
16 may be taking illegal substances. A positive finding shall result in  
17 the parolee being required to utilize an appropriate abuse facility for  
18 a period to be determined by the directors of the treatment facility.  
19 Finding of positive results in such testing shall also be reported to  
20 the parole board for any action that it deems necessary, up to and  
21 include revocation of parole.