

HOUSE No. 2549

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. O'Day

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 bill:

An Act to protect social workers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester District
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
James Dwyer	30th Middlesex
David B. Sullivan	6th Bristol

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2741 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO PROTECT SOCIAL WORKERS.

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 1. Section 58 of Chapter 30 of the General laws is amended by striking the fourth
2 paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following new paragraph:-

3 "Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, an employee who, while in the performance of duty,
4 receives bodily injuries resulting from acts of violence of patients prisoners, or children in his caseload or
5 parents of said children, and who as a result of such injury would be entitled to benefits under said chapter
6 one hundred and fifty-two, shall be paid the difference between the weekly cash benefits to which he
7 would be entitled under said chapter one hundred and fifty-two and his regular salary, without such
8 absence being charged against available sick leave credits, even if such absence may be for less than eight
9 calendar days' duration."