

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2557**

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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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to a universal sick leave bank policy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2557) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for legislation to create a sick leave bank policy for state agencies . Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to a universal sick leave bank policy.

*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. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, state agencies,  
2 as defined in section 1 of chapter 29 of the General Laws, shall agree to establish a sick leave  
3 bank policy.

4 (a) The agency shall establish rules and procedures to be used by employees who have  
5 contributed to the sick leave bank. Each agency may decide to permit sick leave bank donations  
6 to be made on an as needed basis.

7 (b) The following provisions must be included in the rules and regulations adopted by the  
8 state agency:

9 1. The agency must review the sick leave utilization of any member of the sick leave  
10 bank who applies for sick leave from the bank. Sick leave will not be granted to an applicant  
11 with evidence of prior sick leave abuse in his or her personnel file or attendance record.

12           2. The agency must require adequate evidence of illness or injury, which is not job-  
13 related, of an employee only (not any family member).

14           3. An employee who applies to the sick leave bank must have used all available accrued  
15 and accumulated leave including vacation and personal leave.

16           (c) Any unused sick leave remaining in the sick leave bank on December 31 shall be  
17 reverted to the contributor, provided that totals shall not exceed 25 days.

18           (d) Nothing contained herein shall effect current collective bargaining agreements  
19 relative to the establishment of sick leave bank policies.