

HOUSE No. 2572

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Meghan Kilcoyne

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 employees of the Commonwealth who are required to respond to emergencies or work in hazardous environments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Meghan Kilcoyne</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>

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By Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2572) of Meghan Kilcoyne relative to benefits of employees who are required to respond to emergencies or work in hazardous environments. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2700 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to employees of the Commonwealth who are required to respond to emergencies or work in hazardous environments.

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.

2 Chapter 32, Section 3(2)(g) is hereby amended by adding the following at the beginning
3 of Group 2. Employees of the Commonwealth who are required to respond to emergencies or
4 work in hazardous environments; employees of the Commonwealth who are required to respond
5 and inspect hazardous material spills or who are required to inspect such areas or whose duties
6 require one to be present where such hazardous materials, including asbestos and radioactive
7 materials, are stored, used, emitted, and or manufactured or where contamination from such has
8 occurred; employees of the Commonwealth who work in laboratories handling biological or
9 other dangerous materials associated with blood-borne, viral or other possible communicable

10 and/or dangerous substances; employees of the Commonwealth whose duties include the use of
11 scuba diving equipment or work as aerial foresters or crewmen. State Employees who engage in
12 homeland security duties, MEMA and emergency response actions associated with public safety,
13 environmental protection and public health.