

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2770**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jon Santiago*

*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 COVID-19 presumption for law enforcement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/17/2021</i>

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By Mr. Santiago of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2770) of Jon Santiago and others relative to benefits for certain public employees exposed to COVID-19. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to a COVID-19 presumption for law enforcement.

*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 general or special law to the contrary, any uniformed  
2 member of a police department who was required to work during the state of emergency  
3 concerning the novel coronavirus disease outbreak declared by the governor on March 10, and  
4 required to report to a work location outside of their home, who contract, have symptoms of or  
5 otherwise becomes affected with the COVID-19, that results in a period of hospitalization,  
6 quarantine, or require self-quarantined measures as a result of being infected or coming into  
7 contact with someone who is infected with this virus, shall have their medical condition or  
8 incapacity to work presumed to be work-related.

9           SECTION 2. Any employee of the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions who was  
10 required to work during the state of emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease  
11 outbreak declared by the governor on March 10 and required to report to a work location outside

12 of their home and who dies as a result of work-related COVID-19 shall be eligible for benefits  
13 under section 100 and 100A of Chapter 32 of the General Laws.

14 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.