

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4495**

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**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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Joel Larochelle.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>3/7/2024</i>
<i>Robyn K. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2024</i>

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By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day and Robyn K. Kennedy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Joel Larochelle, an employee of the Department of Correction. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Joel Larochelle.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Department of Correction  
2 shall establish a sick leave bank for Joel Larochelle, an employee of the Department. Any  
3 employee of the Department may voluntarily contribute 1 or more sick, personal or vacation  
4 days to the sick leave bank for use by Joel Larochelle. If Joel Larochelle terminates employment  
5 with the Department or requests to dissolve the sick leave bank, any remaining time in the sick  
6 leave bank shall be transferred to the extended illness leave bank. Sick leave bank days shall not  
7 be used for absences unrelated to the illness or disability that necessitated the establishment of  
8 the sick leave bank as determined by the Department.