

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4611**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James Arciero*

*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 emergency hazard health duty.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jerry Flynn</i>	<i>7 Technology Dr, Ste 100, North Chelmsford MA, 01863-2441</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>

<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>John Nelson</i>	<i>, Massachusetts Coalition of Police, P.O. Box 768, Millbury, MA 01527</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James Arciero and others relative to creating a presumption of job relatedness for certain public safety personnel and first responders suffering from incapacitation or inability to perform their duties as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection or exposure. Public Service.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to emergency hazard health duty.

*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, rule or regulation to the contrary, any public  
2 safety official, which shall include any individuals employed as police, fire personnel, correction  
3 officers, dispatchers, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, nursing professionals, and all  
4 individuals employed and considered as 1st responders, who contract, have symptoms of or  
5 otherwise becomes affected with the Coronavirus (COVID-19), that results in a period of  
6 hospitalization, quarantine, or require self-quarantined measures as a result of being infected or  
7 coming into contact with someone who is infected with this virus, shall have their medical  
8 condition or incapacity to work presumed to be work- related.

9           The amount of time said public safety official is incapacitated or unable to perform their  
10 duties as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection or exposure and the required time of  
11 hospitalization, time of quarantine or time of self-quarantine shall be considered as on duty time,  
12 and said public safety official shall not be required to use his or her sick time, vacation time,

13 personal time or any other contractual time-off to cover said period of incapacitation or inability  
14 to perform regular duty work. This time of incapacitation or inability to perform their duties shall  
15 only be considered as “EMERGENCY HAZARD HEALTH DUTY”.