

HOUSE No. 4706

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Susannah M. Whipps

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 Rebecca L. Stratford, an employee of Department of Correction.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Susannah M. Whipps

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Franklin

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By Ms. Whipps of Athol, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Susannah M. Whipps for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Rebecca L. Stratford, an employee of the Department of Correction. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Rebecca L. Stratford, an employee of Department of Correction.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave day bank, for a certain employee of the Department of Correction, 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, Department of Correction
2 shall establish a sick leave bank for Rebecca L. Stratford, an employee of Massachusetts
3 Department of Corrections, the North Central Correctional Institution. Her spouse Bruce D.
4 Stratford may voluntarily contribute 1 or more sick, personal or vacation days to the sick leave
5 bank for use by Rebecca L. Stratford. If Rebecca Stratford terminates employment with the
6 North Central Correctional Institution or requests to dissolve the sick leave bank, any remaining
7 time in the sick leave bank shall be transferred to the extended illness leave bank. Sick leave
8 bank days shall not be used for absences unrelated to the illness or disability that necessitated the

- 9 establishment of the sick leave bank as determined by the Department of Correction, unless
- 10 related specifically to COVID 19 crisis.