

HOUSE No. 494

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James K. Hawkins

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 public employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>John E. Nelson, First Vice President / Legislative Director, Massachusetts Coalition of Police</i>	<i>P.O. Box 768 Millbury, MA. 01527</i>	<i>1/29/2021</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>

<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>3/13/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>3/14/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/25/2021</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>

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By Mr. Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 494) of James K. Hawkins and others relative to a COVID-19 presumption for public employees. Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management.

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

An Act relative to a COVID-19 presumption for public employees.

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 employee of
2 the commonwealth or its political subdivisions who was required to work during the
3 Massachusetts state emergency related to COVID-19 declared on March 11, and required to
4 report to a work location outside of their home, who contract, have symptoms of or otherwise
5 becomes affected with the Coronavirus (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 Massachusetts state emergency related to COVID-19 declared on
11 March 11, and required to report to a work location outside of their home and who dies as a

- 12 result of work-related COVID-19 shall be eligible for benefits under section 100 and 100A of
- 13 Chapter 32 of the General Laws.
- 14 Section 3:- This act shall take effect upon passage.