

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4961**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Andres X. Vargas*

*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 Rachael Purnell, employee of the Middlesex Probate and Family Court.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Andres X. Vargas*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*3rd Essex*

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By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andres X. Vargas for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Rachael Purnell, an employee of the Trial Court. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Rachael Purnell, employee of the Middlesex Probate and Family Court.

*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 Middlesex Probate and Family Court, 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 Middlesex Probate and  
2 Family Court shall establish a sick leave bank for Rachael Purnell, an employee of the  
3 department. Any employee of the Court may voluntarily contribute 1 or more sick, personal or  
4 vacation days to the sick leave bank for use by Rachael Purnell. If Rachael Purnell terminates  
5 employment with the Court or requests to dissolve the sick leave bank, any remaining time in the  
6 sick leave bank shall be transferred to the extended illness leave bank. Sick leave bank days shall  
7 not be used for absences unrelated to the illness or disability that necessitated the establishment  
8 of the sick leave bank as determined by the department.