

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4233**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark*

*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 Cheryl Thouin, an employee of the Hampshire County Sheriff’s Office.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>12/13/2023</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire</i>	<i>12/13/2023</i>

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By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Cheryl Thouin, an employee of the Hampshire County Sheriff’s Office. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Cheryl Thouin, an employee of the Hampshire County Sheriff’s Office.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish a sick leave bank for an employee of the Hampshire County Sheriff’s Office, 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 Hampshire County  
2 Sheriff’s Office shall establish a sick leave bank for Cheryl Thouin, an employee of the  
3 department. Any employee of the department may voluntarily contribute 1 or more sick, personal  
4 or vacation days to the sick leave bank for use by Cheryl Thouin. If Cheryl Thouin terminates  
5 employment with the Hampshire County Sheriff’s Office or requests to dissolve the sick leave  
6 bank, any remaining time in the sick leave bank shall be transferred to the extended illness leave  
7 bank. Sick leave bank days shall not be used for absences unrelated to the illness or disability  
8 that necessitated the establishment of the sick leave bank as determined by the department.