

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1441**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kevin G. Honan***

*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 compensated absences in cities and towns.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/19/2011</i>

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By Mr. Honan of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1441) of Kevin G. Honan relative to the expenditures of city, town and district funds as compensation for certain absences. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1978 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to compensated absences in cities and towns.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding after section 13C the following section: Section 13D. Any city or town or  
3 district which accepts the provisions of this section by majority vote of its city council or the  
4 voters present at a town meeting or district meeting, may establish, and appropriate or transfer  
5 money to a reserve fund for the future payment of accrued liabilities for compensated absences  
6 due any employee or full-time officer of said city or town upon the termination of such  
7 employee’s or full-time officer’s employment. Said municipal or district treasurer shall maintain  
8 the reserve fund in an interest bearing account and interest earnings shall be added to the fund.  
9 Said city council, town meeting or district meeting may designate the municipal official to  
10 authorize payments from this fund, and in the absence of such a designation, it shall be the  
11 responsibility of the chief executive officer of said city, town or district.