## **SENATE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 2000**

Message from His Excellency the Governor (pursuant to Part the Second, Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) returning with his objections thereto in writing, the engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Anthony Hart, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 1963).

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



KARYN POLITO LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

August 21, 2015

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,

Pursuant to Part the Second, Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am returning unsigned Senate Bill No. 1963, "An Act Establishing a Sick Leave Bank for Anthony Hart, An Employee of the Department of Mental Health."

Under this bill, an employee sick leave bank would be created for an individual employee of the Department of Mental Health. When Commonwealth employees exhaust their sick leave because of legitimate, debilitating illnesses, the General Court from time to time permits the establishment of a sick leave bank to support our dedicated public servants in their time of need. Since this legislation was filed, however, we have learned sadly that Mr. Hart has died. Accordingly, and unfortunately in this instance, this legislation is no longer necessary.

For this reason, I am returning Senate Bill No. 1963 unsigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Baker, *Governor*