

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3796**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Aaron Vega*

*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 Edward Gates, an employee of the Department of Environmental Protection.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Aaron Vega*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*5th Hampden*

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By Mr. Vega of Holyoke, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Aaron Vega for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Edward Gates, an employee of the Department of Environmental Protection. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Edward Gates, an employee of the Department of Environmental Protection.

*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 department of environmental protection, 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 or rule or regulation to the contrary, the  
2 Department of Environmental Protection shall establish a sick leave bank for Edward Gates, an  
3 employee of the department. Any employee of the department may voluntarily contribute 1 of  
4 more sick, personal, or vacation days to the sick leave bank for use by Edward Gates. Sick leave  
5 bank days shall not be used for absences unrelated to the illness or disability that necessitated the  
6 establishment of the sick leave bank as determined by the department. Whenever Edward Gates  
7 terminates employment with the department or requests to dissolve the sick leave bank, any  
8 remaining time in the sick leave bank shall be transferred to the extended illness leave bank.