

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James K. Hawkins

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 a COVID-19 presumption for public employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>4/27/2020</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/28/2020</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>4/28/2020</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/28/2020</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>4/28/2020</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>4/28/2020</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>4/28/2020</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/29/2020</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/29/2020</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>4/29/2020</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/30/2020</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>4/30/2020</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/30/2020</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>	<i>4/30/2020</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/30/2020</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>4/30/2020</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>4/30/2020</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>5/1/2020</i>

<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/1/2020</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>5/1/2020</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>5/4/2020</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>5/4/2020</i>

HOUSE No.

By Mr. Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James K. Hawkins and others relative to a COVID-19 presumption for public employees. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to a COVID-19 presumption for public employees.

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

1 Section 1:- Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any employee of
2 the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions who was required to work during the
3 Massachusetts state emergency related to COVID-19 declared on March 11, and required to
4 report to a work location outside of their home, who contract, have symptoms of or otherwise
5 becomes affected with the Coronavirus (COVID-19), that results in a period of hospitalization,
6 quarantine, or require self-quarantined measures as a result of being infected or coming into
7 contact with someone who is infected with this virus, shall have their medical condition or
8 incapacity to work presumed to be work- related.

9 Section 2:- Any employee of the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions who was
10 required to work during the Massachusetts state emergency related to COVID-19 declared on
11 March 11, and required to report to a work location outside of their home and who dies as a
12 result of work-related COVID-19 shall be eligible for benefits under section 100 and 100A of
13 Chapter 32 of the General Laws.

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15 Section 3:- This act shall take effect upon passage.