

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1597**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James T. Welch*

*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 impairment of health caused by infectious disease.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*James T. Welch*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Hampden*

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By Mr. Welch, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1597) of James T. Welch for legislation relative to impairment of health caused by infectious disease. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1490 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to impairment of health caused by infectious disease.

*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. Chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following  
2 section:-

3 94C. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary  
4 affecting the non-contributory or contributory system, any condition of impairment of health  
5 caused by an infectious disease resulting in total or partial disability or death to an employee of a  
6 correctional facility, shall, if he successfully passed a physical examination on entry into such  
7 service, or subsequently successfully passed a physical examination, which examination failed to  
8 reveal any evidence of such condition, be presumed to have been suffered in the line of duty,  
9 unless the contrary be shown by competent evidence.