

SENATE No. 1597

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.

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

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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.