

SENATE . . . . . No. 2602

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 emergency hazard health duty.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester	
New England Police Benevolent Association	7 Technology Drive, North Chelmsford, MA 01863	
Hannah Kane	11th Worcester	3/15/2020
Steven S. Howitt	4th Bristol	3/15/2020
Paul R. Feeney	Bristol and Norfolk	3/18/2020
Walter F. Timilty	Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth	3/18/2020
Dean A. Tran	Worcester and Middlesex	3/18/2020
Michael D. Brady	Second Plymouth and Bristol	3/18/2020
Marc R. Pacheco	First Plymouth and Bristol	3/18/2020
Bruce J. Ayers	1st Norfolk	3/18/2020
Joseph A. Boncore	First Suffolk and Middlesex	3/19/2020
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex	3/20/2020
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden	3/22/2020
Nika C. Elugardo	15th Suffolk	3/22/2020
Mark C. Montigny	Second Bristol and Plymouth	3/23/2020
James T. Welch	Hampden	3/23/2020
Christine P. Barber	34th Middlesex	3/23/2020

<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>3/23/2020</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>3/23/2020</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>3/23/2020</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>3/24/2020</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>3/25/2020</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/29/2020</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/30/2020</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/30/2020</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>3/30/2020</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/30/2020</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/30/2020</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/30/2020</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>4/1/2020</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/1/2020</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/2/2020</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>4/2/2020</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>4/2/2020</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/3/2020</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>4/6/2020</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>4/6/2020</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>4/7/2020</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>4/7/2020</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>5/14/2020</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>5/18/2020</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2602) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael O. Moore, New England Police Benevolent Association, Hannah Kane, Steven S. Howitt and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to emergency hazard health duty. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**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 emergency hazard health duty.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to maintain the health and safety of the Commonwealth's first responders, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and health.

*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, rule or regulation to the contrary, any public  
2 safety official, which shall include any individuals employed as police, fire personnel, correction  
3 officers, dispatchers, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, nursing professionals, and all  
4 individuals employed and considered as 1st responders, who contract, have symptoms of, or  
5 otherwise becomes affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19), that results in a period of  
6 hospitalization, quarantine, or require self-quarantined measures as a result of being infected or  
7 coming into contact with someone who is infected with this virus, shall have their medical  
8 condition or incapacity to work presumed to be work-related.

9           The amount of time said public safety official is incapacitated or unable to perform their  
10 duties as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection or exposure and the required time of  
11 hospitalization, time of quarantine or time of self-quarantine shall be considered as on duty time,  
12 and said public safety official shall not be required to use sick time, vacation time, personal time  
13 or any other contractual time-off to cover said period of incapacitation or inability to perform  
14 regular duty work. This time of incapacitation or inability to perform their duties shall be  
15 considered as “emergency hazard health duty”.