

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 4127**

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 27, 2021.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to making appropriations for fiscal year 2021 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4078), reports, in part, recommending that the accompanying bill ought to pass (House, No. 4127).

For the committee,

AARON MICHLEWITZ.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)  
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An Act extending COVID-19 Massachusetts emergency paid sick leave.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to extend the availability of Massachusetts COVID-19 Emergency Paid Sick Leave, 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           SECTION 1. Section 9 of chapter 16 of the acts of 2021 is hereby amended by striking  
2 out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The purpose of  
3 the fund shall be to reimburse eligible employers for the cost of providing employees with  
4 COVID-19 Massachusetts emergency paid sick leave; provided, however, that not more than  
5 \$500,000 shall be expended for a public information campaign to educate and promote  
6 awareness to the public of the availability of COVID-19 Massachusetts emergency paid sick  
7 leave.

8           SECTION 2. Paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of section 10 of said chapter 16 is hereby  
9 amended by striking out the words “or (ii) needs medical diagnosis, care or treatment for  
10 COVID-19 symptoms” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- (ii) needs medical  
11 diagnosis, care or treatment for COVID-19 symptoms; or (iii) is obtaining an immunization

12 related to COVID-19 or is recovering from an injury, disability, illness or condition related to  
13 such immunization.

14 SECTION 3. Section 11 of said chapter 16 is hereby amended by striking out the words  
15 “September 30, 2021” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- April 1, 2022.

16 SECTION 4. The executive office for administration and finance, or any department or  
17 agency thereof designated by the executive office, shall establish a public information campaign  
18 to educate and promote awareness to the public, including, but not limited to, employees and  
19 employers, as defined in section 8 of chapter 16 of the acts of 2021, about availability of the  
20 COVID-19 Massachusetts emergency paid sick leave, established pursuant to sections 8 to 12,  
21 inclusive, of said chapter 16. Information shall include, but not be limited to, the availability and  
22 eligibility for COVID-19 Massachusetts emergency paid sick leave. The executive office for  
23 administration and finance, or any department or agency thereof designated by the executive  
24 office, shall seek to ensure that the information campaign reaches employers and employees, as  
25 defined in said section 8 of said chapter 16, eligible for COVID-19 Massachusetts emergency  
26 paid sick leave.

27 SECTION 5. Section 2 shall take effect as of October 1, 2021.