

SENATE No. 1767

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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:	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>4/2/2021</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>4/28/2021</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>4/28/2021</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1767) of Marc R. Pacheco, Walter F. Timilty and Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to a COVID-19 presumption for public employees. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2732 OF 2019-2020.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

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
2 of the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions who was required to work during the
3 Massachusetts state of 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 of 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.

14 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.