

**SENATE . . . . . No. 37**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Anne M. Gobi*

*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 establishing a sick leave bank for Rachel Pride, an employee of the Department of Youth Services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/17/2021</i>

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 37) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Anne M. Gobi, Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. and Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Rachel Pride, an employee of the Department of Youth Services. Senate Rules.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Rachel Pride, an employee of the Department of Youth Services.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the Department of Youth Services, 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           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Department of Youth  
2 Services shall establish a sick leave bank for Rachel Pride, an employee of the department. Any  
3 employee of the department may voluntarily contribute 1 or more sick, personal or vacation days  
4 to the sick leave bank for use by Rachel Pride. If Rachel Pride terminates employment with the  
5 department or requests to dissolve the sick leave bank, any remaining time in the sick leave bank  
6 shall be transferred to the extended illness leave bank. Sick leave bank days shall not be used for  
7 absences unrelated to the illness or disability that necessitated the establishment of the sick leave  
8 bank as determined by the department.