

HOUSE No. 3779

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Gerard J. Cassidy

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 Lisa Balentine, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i> | <i>9th Plymouth</i> | <i>3/29/2023</i> |
| <i>Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida</i> | <i>7th Plymouth</i> | <i>3/29/2023</i> |
| <i>Michael D. Brady</i> | <i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i> | <i>4/12/2023</i> |

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By Representative Cassidy of Brockton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Gerard J. Cassidy and Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Lisa Balentine, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 3135 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**
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An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Lisa Balentine, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance.

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 transitional assistance, 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 or rule or regulation to the contrary, the
2 department of transitional assistance shall establish a sick leave bank for Lisa Balentine, an
3 employee of the department. Any employee of the department may voluntarily contribute 1 or
4 more sick, personal or vacation days to the sick leave bank for use by Lisa Balentine. Sick leave
5 bank days shall not be used for absences unrelated to the illness or disability that necessitated the
6 establishment of the sick leave bank as determined by the department. Whenever Lisa Balentine

- 7 terminates employment with the department or requests to dissolve the sick leave bank, any
- 8 remaining time in the sick leave bank shall be transferred to the extended illness leave bank.