

HOUSE No. 4755

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Natalie M. Higgins and John J. Cronin

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 Gabriella Ruocco.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>5/31/2024</i>
<i>John J. Cronin</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>5/31/2024</i>

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By Representative Higgins of Leominster and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie M. Higgins and John J. Cronin for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Gabriella Ruocco, an employee of the Department of the State Police. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Gabriella Ruocco.

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 state police, 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 state police
2 shall establish a sick leave bank for Gabriella Ruocco, 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 Gabriella Ruocco. If Gabriella Ruocco terminates employment
5 with the department or requests to dissolve the sick leave bank, any remaining time in the sick
6 leave bank shall be transferred to the extended illness leave bank. Sick leave bank days shall not
7 be used for absences unrelated to the illness or disability that necessitated the establishment of
8 the sick leave bank as determined by the department.