

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4427**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jeffrey N. Roy*

*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 Ankita Gajendra Patel, an employee of the Department of Corrections.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	<i>8/6/2025</i>

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By Representative Roy of Franklin, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey N. Roy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Ankita Gajendra Patel, an employee of the Department of Correction. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Ankita Gajendra Patel, an employee of the Department of Corrections.

*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 Corrections, 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 office of the Department  
2 of Corrections, shall establish a sick leave bank for Ankita Gajendra Patel, an employee of the  
3 Department of Corrections. 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 Ankita Gajendra Patel,  
5 Whenever Ankita Gajendra Patel terminates employment with the department or requests to  
6 dissolve the sick leave bank, any remaining time in the sick leave bank shall be transferred to the  
7 extended illness leave bank. Sick leave bank days shall not be used for absences unrelated to the  
8 illness or disability that necessitated the establishment of the sick leave bank as determined by  
9 the department.