

Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

Bill Summary

Bill Number: H2564

Name: An Act relative to emergency hazard health duty

Sponsor(s): Representative James Arciero

Hearing Date: 15th October, 2025 at 1PM in A2

Prior History: Favorable

Summary:

This bill would allow all classified 1st responders who contract COVID-19 from coming into contact with an infected individual to be considered a work-related medical condition. Any time spent in mandated, self-elected quarantine and/or hospitalization will be considered on-duty time and will not require the use of sick, vacation, personal, and/or other contractual time off to cover a period of incapacitation. This incapacitation is titled "Emergency Hazard Health Duty" and covered under G.L. c. 41, Section 111F (Leave with pay for incapacitated employees).