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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023.**

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Monday, May 22, 2023.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

## *Message from the Governor.*

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2023 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 3869), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, May 18.

Supplemental  
appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

## *Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Howitt of Seekonk and Barrows of Mansfield) honoring Chef Elizabeth Stentiford of Norton on being named the Tournament Players Club Network's National Employee of the Year;

Elizabeth  
Stentiford.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Linsky of Natick) congratulating Charles Berszoner on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Charles  
Berszoner.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Linsky of Natick) congratulating Jack Conway on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; and

Jack  
Conway.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Madaro of Boston) commending the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, Inc. on its recognition of May 24, 2023 as Schizophrenia Awareness Day;

Schizophrenia  
Awareness  
Day.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

## *Communication.*

A communication from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 217(c) of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the Massachusetts Autism Commission for 2022, was placed on file.

Autism  
Commission.

*Report.*

The final report of the Behavioral Health Advisory Commission (under Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2022, as amended by Section 52 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023) with its findings and recommendations, was placed on file.

Behavioral  
Health Advisory  
Commission.

*Petition.*

Representative Ryan of Boston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3872) of Daniel J. Ryan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to district city council election in the city of Boston; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,—  
city council  
election.

*Paper from the Senate.*

A Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Hanover to select board (Senate, No. 1302) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Hanover,—  
select board.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to public schools' emergency alert systems. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Public schools,—  
emergency  
alert systems.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the town of Rochester to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 393) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Rochester,—  
liquor  
license.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Lanesborough to continue the employment of Daniel Bologna, Charles Garrity, Peter Pannesco, Peter Oakley, David Rolle, Donald Whalen and Michael Wooliver (House, No. 2435) [Local Approval Received].

Lanesborough,—  
employment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Hancock to allow firefighters and police to continue serving past age 65 (House, No. 2437) [Local Approval Received].

Hancock,—  
employment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of police officer Randall Williams (House, No. 2448) [Local Approval Received].

Conway,—  
Randall  
Williams.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill exempting the position of police chief in the town of Lancaster from the provisions of the civil service law (House, No. 2571) [Local Approval Received].

Lancaster,—  
police chief.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the retirement benefits of the surviving beneficiary of Robert Lawler (House, No. 2649) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—  
Robert  
Lawler.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Haverhill to appoint retired police officers as detail police officers within said city for paid detail assignments (House, No. 2677) [Local Approval Received].

Haverhill,—  
retired police.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the Worcester Regional Retirement System to grant creditable service to Nelson Burlingame (House, No. 3646).

Worcester,—  
Nelson  
Burlingame.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of police officer Kenneth Ouimette (House, No. 3792) [Local Approval Received].

Conway,—  
Kenneth  
Ouimette.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

*Orders of the Day.*

House bills

Authorizing the town of Raynham to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 283); and

Third  
reading  
bills.

To amend special legislation to pursue 5 additional alcohol pouring licenses in Hudson’s C-1 Zoning District (House, No. 320) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tanya Pizzi, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 3836) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Tanya Pizzi,—  
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“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 Massachusetts Department of Transportation, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3836, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

*Ordered,* That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.