

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James K. Hawkins

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 relative to a COVID-19 presumption for public employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
James K. Hawkins	2nd Bristol	1/29/2021
John E. Nelson, First Vice President / Legislative Director, Massachusetts Coalition of Police	P.O. Box 768 Millbury, MA. 01527	1/29/2021
Paul R. Feeney	Bristol and Norfolk	2/1/2021
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex	2/1/2021
Bud L. Williams	11th Hampden	2/3/2021
Timothy R. Whelan	1st Barnstable	2/9/2021
Christina A. Minicucci	14th Essex	2/24/2021
David Allen Robertson	19th Middlesex	2/25/2021
Michelle M. DuBois	10th Plymouth	2/26/2021
James Arciero	2nd Middlesex	3/4/2021
Daniel Cahill	10th Essex	3/5/2021
Peter Capano	11th Essex	3/5/2021
Tackey Chan	2nd Norfolk	3/4/2021
Edward F. Coppinger	10th Suffolk	3/4/2021
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	3rd Berkshire	3/4/2021
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	17th Worcester	3/10/2021

<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>3/13/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>3/14/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/25/2021</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>

HOUSE No. 494

By Mr. Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 494) of James K. Hawkins and others relative to a COVID-19 presumption for public employees. Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to a COVID-19 presumption for public employees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 1:- Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any employee of
2 the commonwealth or its political subdivisions who was required to work during the
3 Massachusetts state emergency related to COVID-19 declared on March 11, and required to
4 report to a work location outside of their home, who contract, have symptoms of or otherwise
5 becomes affected with the Coronavirus (COVID-19), that results in a period of hospitalization,
6 quarantine, or require self-quarantined measures as a result of being infected or coming into
7 contact with someone who is infected with this virus, shall have their medical condition or
8 incapacity to work presumed to be work related.

9 Section 2:- Any employee of the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions who was
10 required to work during the Massachusetts state emergency related to COVID-19 declared on
11 March 11, and required to report to a work location outside of their home and who dies as a

12 result of work-related COVID-19 shall be eligible for benefits under section 100 and 100A of
13 Chapter 32 of the General Laws.

14 Section 3:- This act shall take effect upon passage.