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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. O'Day

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act to protect social workers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James J. O'Day	*14th Worcester*
Michael D. Brady	*9th Plymouth*

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By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1633) of James J. O'Day and Michael D. Brady relative to compensation of social workers who are physically injured in the performance of duty. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
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, NO. *2549* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act to protect social workers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 58 of Chapter 30 of the General laws is amended by striking the fourth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following new paragraph:-

"Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, an employee who, while in the performance of duty, receives bodily injuries resulting from acts of violence of patients prisoners, or children in his caseload or parents of said children, and who as a result of such injury would be entitled to benefits under said chapter one hundred and fifty-two, shall be paid the difference between the weekly cash benefits to which he would be entitled under said chapter one hundred and fifty-two and his regular salary, without such absence being charged against available sick leave credits, even if such absence may be for less than eight calendar days' duration."