

HOUSE No. 2741

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, petition of John W. Scibak and others relative to compensation of social workers who are physically injured in the performance of duty. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

John W. Scibak
Michael R. Knapik

Christine E. Canavan

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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:

1 Section 58 of Chapter 30 of the General Laws is amended by
2 striking the fourth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the
3 following new paragraph:—
4 “Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, an employee
5 who, while in the performance of duty, receives bodily injuries
6 resulting from acts of violence of patients prisoners, or children in
7 his caseload or parents of said children, and who as a result of such
8 injury would be entitled to benefits under said chapter one hundred
9 and fifty-two, shall be paid the difference between the weekly cash
10 benefits to which he would be entitled under said chapter one hun-
11 dred and fifty-two and his regular salary, without such absence being
12 charged against available sick leave credits, even if such absence
13 may be for less than eight calendar days’ duration.”