

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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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 bill:

**An Act to protect social workers.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester District
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2741 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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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:*

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