
To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Part the Second, Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, I am returning unsigned House Bill No. 4224, “An Act Establishing A Sick Leave Bank For Michael Antonucci, An Employee of the Department of Correction.”

Under this bill, an employee sick leave bank would be created for an individual employee of the Department of Correction. When Commonwealth employees exhaust their sick leave because of legitimate, debilitating illnesses, the General Court from time to time permits the establishment of a sick leave bank to support our dedicated public servants. In this case, I accept the recommendation of the employer, the Department of Correction, that Mr. Antonucci has not demonstrated an adequate or appropriate need for establishing a sick leave bank.

For this reason, I am returning House Bill No. 4224 unsigned.

Respectfully submitted,

DEVAL L. PATRICK,
Governor