

SENATE No. 1917

By Mr. Boverini, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1917) of Walter J. Boverini for legislation to grant leaves of absence for certain athletes engaged in international competition. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-nine.

AN ACT GRANTING LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR CERTAIN ATHLETES
ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.

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

- 1 Chapter 30 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
- 2 serting after section 9F the following section: —
- 3 *Section 9G.* Any person employed by the commonwealth
- 4 who is selected to be a member of a United States team for
- 5 competition in Pan American, Olympic or any other interna-
- 6 tional athletic competition, shall, upon written request made
- 7 by such athletic member to the appointing authority, be
- 8 granted a leave of absence for the purpose of preparing for
- 9 and engaging in such competition without loss of pay or other
- 10 benefits or rights; provided however, that such leave shall
- 11 be for the time of the official training period and competition
- 12 combined or sixty days annually, whichever is less.

