

HOUSE No. 1715

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth I. Gordon

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to protect temporary workers' unemployment benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>

<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Michlewitz</i>	<i>3rd Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1715) of Kenneth I. Gordon and others relative to temporary workers’ unemployment benefits. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to protect temporary workers’ unemployment benefits.

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 25(e) of chapter 151A, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by striking out the eighth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the
3 following:-

4 “A temporary employee of a temporary help firm shall be deemed to have voluntarily
5 quit employment if (i) upon completion of an assignment, the temporary help firm contacts the
6 temporary employee in writing on a form approved by the director in which receipt is
7 acknowledged, notifying the temporary employee of an offer of reassignment of suitable
8 employment, that the temporary employee must reply to such offer, and that failure to respond
9 may result in ineligibility for benefits, and (ii) the temporary employee does not contact the
10 temporary help firm inquiring for reassignment of suitable employment before filing for benefits.
11 Failure to contact the temporary help firm shall not be deemed a voluntary quitting unless the

12 claimant has been advised of the obligation in writing at the outset of the most recent temporary
13 assignment.”