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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Antonio F. D. Cabral and Mark C. Montigny*

*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 locked out employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>2/12/2016</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/12/2016</i>
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>2/12/2016</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>2/12/2016</i>

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By Representative Cabral of New Bedford and Senator Montigny, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others relative to benefits of individuals who have been locked out of their place of employment by their employers. Labor and Workforce Development.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act to protect locked out employees.

*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 30 of chapter 151A is hereby amended by the following:-

2 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection (a), the total benefits an individual  
3 who has been locked out of his usual place of employment by his employer may receive shall be  
4 extended for so long as such individual remains locked out by his employer, up to 26 times the  
5 individual’s benefit rate; provided, that such additional benefits shall be paid to the individual  
6 only if such individual has exhausted all rights to regular and extended benefits under this  
7 chapter and has no rights to benefits or compensation under this chapter or any other state  
8 unemployment compensation law or under federal law.