

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2405**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court**  
**(2015-2016)**  
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SENATE, Monday, July 5, 2016

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Senate Bill improving vocational training opportunities for unemployed workers (Senate, No. 969),-- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2405).

For the committee,  
Karen E. Spilka

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An Act improving vocational training opportunities for unemployed 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 30 of chapter 151A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 43, the word “fifteenth” and inserting  
3 in place thereof the following word:- twentieth.

4           SECTION 2. Said section 30 of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
5 amended by striking out, in line 45, the figure “15” and inserting in place thereof the following  
6 figure:- 20.

7           SECTION 3. Said section 30 of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
8 amended by inserting, in line 45, after the word “tolled” the following words:- and  
9 circumstances under which the application may be waived for good cause.

10          SECTION 4. Said section 30 of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
11 amended by inserting after the word “denied”, in line 55, the following words:- ; provided  
12 further, that the claimant shall not be barred from applying for or commencing training beyond  
13 the expiration of the claimant’s benefit year where the claim for regular benefits was denied and

14 the reversal of said denial did not occur until after the thirty-first week of the claimant's benefit  
15 year.

16 SECTION 5. Said section 30 of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
17 amended by striking out the last paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following  
18 paragraph:-

19 The department shall provide each claimant with written information regarding eligibility for  
20 benefits under this section in the claimant's primary language, as required under section  
21 62A, including a notification that a claimant shall submit any application for benefits under this  
22 section no later than the twentieth week of a new or continued claim unless the period is tolled by  
23 regulation or waived for good cause.

24 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2017.