

SENATE No. 981

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Daniel A. Wolf</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 981) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Michael O. Moore, Jose F. Tosado, Sal N. DiDomenico and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect 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 of chapter 151A, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in subsection (e), the eighth paragraph and inserting in place
3 thereof the following:-

4 A temporary employee of a temporary help firm shall be deemed to have voluntarily quit
5 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.