

SENATE No. 2450

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
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SENATE, Thursday, April 19, 2018

The committee on Labor and Workforce Development, to whom was referred the Message from His Excellency the Governor (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2078) relative to the modernization of the Commonwealth's administration of unemployment insurance,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2450).

For the committee,
Jason M. Lewis

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An Act to modernize the Commonwealth's administration of unemployment insurance.

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 6 of chapter 151A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out sub-section (v) and inserting in place thereof
3 the following subsection:-

4 (v) service performed by a person committed to a custodial or penal institution.

5 SECTION 2. Section 25 of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
6 striking out the final paragraph of sub-section (e) and inserting in place thereof the following
7 paragraph:-

8 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, no waiting period shall be allowed and
9 no benefits shall be paid to an individual under this chapter for the period of unemployment next
10 ensuing and until the individual has had at least eight weeks of work and in each of said weeks
11 has earned an amount equivalent to or in excess of the individual's weekly benefit amount after
12 having left work to accompany or join one's spouse or another person at a new locality; provided
13 that this disqualification shall not apply to an individual who has left work to accompany or join

14 the individual's spouse or another person, who, being a service member on active service in the
15 armed forces of the United States, has relocated beyond commuting distance due to a permanent
16 change of station; provided further, however, that the service member has not been relocated in
17 order to be separated from service. If the individual's employer is liable for contributions under
18 section 14 or 14C of this chapter, such employer's account shall not be charged for any benefits
19 paid out to the individual under this paragraph.

20 SECTION 3. Section 25 of said chapter 151A is hereby further amended by striking out,
21 in lines 325 through 327, the following words:-

22 provided further, that the amount deducted each week shall not exceed 25 per cent of the
23 individual's weekly unemployment benefit rate; and

24 SECTION 4. Section 46 of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
25 striking out sub-section (g) and inserting in place thereof the following sub-section:-

26 (g) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this section, the director may
27 publish a list of active employers that are delinquent under this chapter in the payment of their
28 obligations in an amount greater than five thousand dollars, provided that the information already
29 has become public either through its inclusion in a document filed in court in connection with an
30 effort to collect the delinquency or in a notice of lien recorded as part of an effort to secure the
31 department's rights regarding the delinquency, and provided further that the disclosure is not
32 precluded by federal law. The director may promulgate regulations to implement this
33 subsection.