

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1646**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 relative to willingness to work requirements for unemployment benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2019</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1646) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to establishing willingness to work requirements for eligibility of unemployment benefits. Labor and Workforce Development.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to willingness to work requirements for 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 24 of chapter 151A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following new  
3 subsection:-

4 (b1/2) Be willing to accept work when the offered position is considered reasonably  
5 relative to the position previously held by the claimant, the type of work offered is such that the  
6 claimant is capable of performing, and/or there is no medical reason restricting the claimant from  
7 the offered position.