HOUSE . . . . . No. 4713

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 14, 2020.

The committee on Labor and Workforce Development to whom was referred the petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul W. Mark, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and others for legislation to expand unemployment insurance benefits to certain employees due to the COVID-19 emergency declaration, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4713) ought to pass.

For the committee,

STEPHAN HAY.

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

An Act relative to COVID-19 emergency unemployment insurance expansion.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to expand unemployment insurance eligibility to individuals impacted by the COVID-19 state of emergency declarations, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace and health.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 24 of chapter 151A is hereby amended by adding the following:-

(d) No individual shall be considered ineligible for any other state benefits because of emergency federal or state emergency cash assistance or other benefits paid under this chapter directly tied to the COVID-19 federal or state level emergency declarations.

(e) No individual who receives said benefits under any other chapter shall be penalized for receiving these benefits under this chapter nor shall they be required to repay the benefits received."