

HOUSE No. 1646

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.

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**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.