

SENATE No. 2930

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, October 22, 2020.

The committee on Labor and Workforce Development, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2927) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia D. Jehlen and Eric P. Lesser for legislation relative to additional unemployment benefits for the neediest recipients currently excluded from the Lost Wages Assistance program, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2930).

For the committee,
Patricia D. Jehlen

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An Act relative to additional unemployment benefits for the neediest recipients currently excluded from the Lost Wages Assistance program.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish a minimum unemployment weekly benefit amount during public health emergency, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.

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

1 Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 151A of the General Laws to the contrary, for
2 the period of the week ending August 1st, 2020 through the week ending September 5, 2020, any
3 claimant receiving unemployment benefits in an amount less than \$100 per week, including the
4 dependency allowance payable under section 29(c) of chapter 151A, shall be deemed eligible to
5 receive a weekly benefit amount of \$100 per week during this period, which amount shall
6 include the dependency allowance payable under said section 29(c).

7 A final report on the number of redeterminations under this section, and the additional
8 lost wages assistance funds received for each week of the covered period shall be sent to the
9 Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development and the House and Senate Committees
10 on Ways and Means.