

HOUSE No. 2016

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jay D. Livingstone and David M. Rogers

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 for unemployment rules for gig economy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/22/2021</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2021</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/6/2021</i>

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By Messrs. Livingstone of Boston and Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2016) of Jay D. Livingstone, David M. Rogers and others relative to unemployment insurance for the gig economy, so-called. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4746 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act for unemployment rules for gig economy.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make certain changes in law in response to a public health emergency, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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. Subsection (i) of Section 1 of chapter 151A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after “statute” the following: “For the purposes of this chapter, any entity
3 that markets a service or product to the general public and substantially relies on individuals with
4 which it contracts directly or indirectly as independent contractors to perform the service or
5 provide or deliver the product is the Employer of those individuals unless another entity pays
6 worker compensation contributions under this Chapter on behalf of the individual. Such
7 individuals shall not be liable for worker compensation contributions.”