

SENATE No. 1232

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Susan L. Moran

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 providing unemployment insurance for seasonal workers affected by COVID-19.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>

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By Ms. Moran, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1232) of Susan L. Moran and Michael O. Moore for legislation to provide unemployment insurance for seasonal workers affected by COVID-19. Labor and Workforce Development.

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

An Act providing unemployment insurance for seasonal workers affected by COVID-19.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide relief to workers whose wages and benefits are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety 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:

1 SECTION 1. For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall have the following
2 meanings:-

3 “Educational Employees” Employees who perform services for educational institutions
4 under Section 28A (b)

5 “Seasonal Employees,” Employees who engage in seasonal employment as defined by
6 Section 24A of Chapter 151 A,

7 “State of emergency”, the state of emergency called by Executive Order No. 591 dated
8 March 10, 2020 concerning the health care crisis caused by the COVID-19 virus, along with any

9 subsequent states of emergency that may be declared by the Commonwealth from time to time or
10 at any time due to health care concerns raised by the COVID-19 virus.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 151A is hereby amended by inserting after Section 74 the follow
12 new section: -

13 Section 75

14 (a) For seasonal employee and educational employee applicants determining eligibility
15 and benefits for unemployment insurance under Section 24 of Chapter 151 shall have the option
16 of providing the previous eight quarters of employment information for determining the base
17 period.

18 SECTION 3. The provisions of this section shall expire after the state of emergency.