

HOUSE No.

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 creating a commission to study unemployment insurance reform.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act creating a commission to study unemployment insurance reform.

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. There shall be a special commission to: (i) evaluate the Commonwealth’s
2 current unemployment policies and assess their effect on the health and growth of Massachusetts
3 small businesses, and (ii) make recommendations to improve the existing unemployment
4 insurance procedures in regard to fostering economic growth and incentivizing employers to hire
5 additional workers. The commission shall file its findings and recommendations, together with
6 drafts of legislation necessary to carry those recommendations into effect, with the clerks of the
7 senate and the house of representatives not later than December 31, 2027.

8 The commission shall consist of 1 member who shall be appointed by the speaker of the
9 house of representatives; 1 member who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house
10 of representatives; 1 member who shall be appointed by the senate president; 1 member who
11 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; the secretary of labor and workforce
12 development or a designee; the secretary of economic development or a designee; the chair of
13 the joint committee on community development and small business; the chair of the joint

14 committee on labor and workforce development; the chair of the joint committee on economic
15 development and emerging technologies; and 1 member to be appointed by each of the following
16 organizations: Associated Industries of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Restaurant
17 Association, the Massachusetts chapter of the National Federation of Independent Businesses,
18 and the Massachusetts State Labor Council.

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