

HOUSE No. 1734

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 unemployment insurance.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Donald Humason</i>	
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Matthew A. Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1734) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to unemployment insurance contributions. Labor and Workforce Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to unemployment insurance.

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 (2) of paragraph (a) of section 14 of chapter 151A of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in
3 lines 39 and 40 the words “employer’s total taxable payroll for the period of twelve consecutive
4 months ending on” and inserting in place thereof the following:- average of the employer’s total
5 taxable payroll for the three years prior to

6 SECTION 2. Said subsection is hereby further amended by striking out in lines 49
7 through 51 the words “total taxable payrolls reported by all employers whose experience rate is
8 determined under paragraph (1) of subsection (i), for the period of twelve consecutive months
9 ending on” and inserting in place thereof the following:- average of the total taxable payrolls
10 reported by all employers whose experience rate is determined under paragraph (1) of subsection
11 (i), for the three years preceding

12 SECTION 3. Said subsection is hereby further amended by striking out in lines 55 and
13 56 the words “total payrolls reported by all employers liable for contributions under section
14 fourteen for the calendar year” and inserting in place thereof the following:-the average of the
15 total payrolls reported by all employers liable for contributions under section fourteen for the
16 three years

17 SECTION 4. Subsection (1) of paragraph (h) of said section 14 is hereby amended by
18 striking out in lines 166 and 167 the words “The commissioner shall determine each employer’s
19 total taxable wages for the twelve months” and inserting in place thereof the following:- The

20 commissioner shall determine the average of each employer's total taxable wages for the three-
21 year

22 SECTION 5. Subsection (2) of paragraph (h) of said section 14 is hereby amended by
23 striking out in lines 174 through 176 the words "commissioner shall determine the total taxable
24 wages of all employers in the commonwealth, whose experience rate is determined under
25 paragraph (1) of subsection (i) during the calendar year" and inserting in place thereof the
26 following:- commissioner shall determine the average of the total taxable wages of all
27 employers in the commonwealth, whose experience rate is determined under paragraph (1) of
28 subsection (i) for the three-year period

29 SECTION 6. Section 24 of said chapter 151A is hereby amended in subparagraph (a) by
30 striking out in lines 3 and 4 the words "Have been paid wages in the base period amounting to at
31 least thirty times the weekly benefit rate" and inserting in place thereof the following:- Have
32 been paid wages in at least two quarters of the base period amounting to at least thirty times the
33 weekly benefit rate