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## 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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to unemployment insurance.

PETITION OF:

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

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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:*

SECTION 1. Subsection (2) of paragraph (a) of section 14 of chapter 151A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 39 and 40 the words "employer's total taxable payroll for the period of twelve consecutive months ending on" and inserting in place thereof the following:- average of the employer's total taxable payroll for the three years prior to

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

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

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

23 year
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25 SECTION 5. Subsection (2) of paragraph (h) of said section 14 is hereby amended by striking
26 out in lines 174 through 176 the words “commissioner shall determine the total taxable wages of
27 all employers in the commonwealth, whose experience rate is determined under paragraph (1) of
28 subsection (i) during the calendar year” and inserting in place thereof the following:-
29 commissioner shall determine the average of the total taxable wages of all employers in the
30 commonwealth, whose experience rate is determined under paragraph (1) of subsection (i) for
31 the three-year period
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33 SECTION 6. Section 24 of said chapter 151A is hereby amended in subparagraph (a) by
34 striking out in lines 3 and 4 the words “Have been paid wages in the base period amounting to at
35 least thirty times the weekly benefit rate” and inserting in place thereof the following:- Have
36 been paid wages in at least two quarters of the base period amounting to at least thirty times the
37 weekly benefit rate
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