

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Martin J. Walsh

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 bill:

An Act relative to collective bargaining .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Martin J. Walsh

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

13th Suffolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2786 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING .

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. Chapter 150E, section 9 is hereby amended by replacing the 9th paragraph
2 with the following language:—
3 Upon the filing of a petition pursuant to this section for a determination of an impasse or the
4 filing of a petition for exercise of jurisdiction of the Joint Labor Management Committee under
5 St. 1973, c. 1078 following interim negotiations or negotiations for a successor agreement, an
6 employer shall not implement unilateral changes until the collective bargaining process,
7 including mediation, fact finding or arbitration, if applicable, shall have been completed and the
8 terms and conditions of employment shall continue in effect until the collective bargaining
9 process, including mediation, fact finding or arbitration, if applicable, shall have been completed;
10 provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall prohibit the parties from extending the
11 terms and conditions of such a collective bargaining agreement by mutual agreement for a period
12 of time in excess of the aforementioned time. For purposes of this paragraph, the board or the

13 Joint Labor Management Committee shall certify to the parties that the collective bargaining
14 process, including mediation, fact finding or arbitration, if applicable, has been completed.

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