

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Baddour, Steven (SEN)

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 unemployment insurance reform.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01051 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO 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. . Subsection (2) of paragraph (a) of section 14 of chapter 151A, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking the words “employer’s total taxable payroll for the period of twelve
3 consecutive months ending on” and inserting in place thereof the following:- average of the
4 employer’s total taxable payroll for the three years prior to
- 5 Section 2. Said subsection is hereby further amended by striking the words “total taxable
6 payrolls reported by all employers whose experience rate is determined under paragraph (1) of
7 subsection (i), for the period of twelve consecutive months ending on” and inserting in place
8 thereof the following:- average of the total taxable payrolls reported by all employers whose
9 experience rate is determined under paragraph (1) of subsection (i), for the three years preceding
- 10 Section 3. Said subsection is hereby further amended by striking the words “total payrolls
11 reported by all employers liable for contributions under section fourteen for the calendar year”

12 and inserting in place thereof the following:-the average of the total payrolls reported by all
13 employers liable for contributions under section fourteen for the three years

14 Section 4. Subsection (1) of paragraph (h) of said section 14 is hereby amended by striking the
15 words “The commissioner shall determine each employer’s total taxable wages for the twelve
16 months” and inserting in place thereof the following:- The commissioner shall determine the
17 average of each employer’s total taxable wages for the three-year

18 Section 5. Subsection (2) of paragraph (h) of section 14 of said chapter 151A of the General
19 Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking the words “commissioner shall determine
20 the total taxable wages of all employers in the commonwealth, whose experience rate is
21 determined under paragraph (1) of subsection (i) during the calendar year” and inserting in place
22 thereof the following:- commissioner shall determine the average of the total taxable wages of
23 all employers in the commonwealth, whose experience rate is determined under paragraph (1) of
24 subsection (i) for the three-year period

25 Section 6. Section 24 of said chapter 151A, as so appearing, is hereby amended in subparagraph
26 (a) by striking the words “Have been paid wages in the base period amounting to at least thirty
27 times the weekly benefit rate” and inserting in place thereof the following:- Have been paid
28 wages in at least two quarters of the base period amounting to at least thirty times the weekly
29 benefit rate.