

SENATE No. 1470

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, June 3, 1970.

The committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, to whom was referred the House Resolve increasing the scope of the special commission established to make an investigation and study relative to proposed amendments to the employment security law and the workmen's compensation act, House, No. 5688, reports, in part, a "Bill to clarify the base period in unemployment compensation" (Senate, No. 1470).

For the committee,

KEVIN B. HARRINGTON.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE BASE PERIOD IN UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

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 (a) of section 1 of Chapter 151A of
2 the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of
3 Chapter 719 of the Acts of 1956, is hereby further amended
4 by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof
5 the following subsection: —

6 (a) "Base period", the period of fifty-two consecutive calen-
7 dar weeks ending with the day immediately preceding the
8 first day of a claimant's benefit year; provided, however, that
9 if a claimant received weekly compensation for temporary
10 total disability under the provisions of Chapter 152 of the
11 General Laws or under a similar law of the United States,
12 not including payments for certain specified injuries under
13 section 36 of chapter 152 or payments for similar specified
14 injuries under workmen's compensation laws of any state
15 or under any similar law of the United States, for more than
16 seven weeks within the base period, as heretofore defined,
17 his base period shall be lengthened by the number of such
18 weeks, but not to exceed fifty-two weeks, for which he re-
19 ceived such payments.

1 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this act shall take effect on October
2 fourth, nineteen hundred and seventy, and shall apply only
3 to individuals whose benefit years begin on or after said
4 effective date.