

SENATE No. 362

To accompany the petition of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, by Roy F. Williams, executive vice president, for legislation to limit the time within which actions may be brought based upon judicial interpretations of State or federal acts. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE TIME WITHIN WHICH ACTIONS MAY BE BROUGHT BASED UPON JUDICIAL INTERPRETATION OF STATE OR FEDERAL ACTS.

1 *Whereas*, Certain judicial interpretations of federal
2 acts have changed the official interpretation of the law
3 prevailing at the time wages were paid so that em-
4 ployers are being subjected to a multiplicity of suits
5 for which they were formerly not liable, and whereas
6 many employers may be forced into bankruptcy and
7 liquidation by the collection of wages, damages, and
8 expenses previously not anticipated, it is necessary for
9 the public convenience that the act take effect im-
10 mediately.

*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. Section 4 of chapter 260 of the General
2 Laws, as amended, is hereby further amended by in-
3 serting after the word "ninety" in the next to last line

4 of the first paragraph the following: — and actions to
5 recover back wages based upon the judicial interpre-
6 tations of a state or federal act which changed the
7 official interpretations of the law prevailing at the
8 time the cause of action accrued.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.