

HOUSE No. 746

By Mr. Conway of Millville, petition of Michael J. Conway for legislation to authorize the payment of unemployment benefits to employees absent from work on account of illness. Labor and Industries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO EMPLOYEES ABSENT FROM WORK ON ACCOUNT OF ILLNESS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Paragraph (2) of subsection (r) of section 1 of
2 chapter 151A of the General Laws, as appearing in
3 section 1 of chapter 685 of the acts of 1941, is hereby
4 amended by inserting after the word "engaged" in
5 the ninth line the following: —, or in which he is
6 absent from work on account of illness, — so as to
7 read as follows: — (2) "Total unemployment", an
8 individual shall be deemed to be in total unemploy-
9 ment in any week in which he performs no wage-
10 earning services whatever, and in which he earns no
11 wages or other payment for personal services, includ-
12 ing net earnings from self-employment, and in which,
13 though capable of and available for work, he is unable

14 to obtain any suitable work and cannot, reasonably,
15 return to any self-employment in which he is custom-
16 arily engaged, or in which he is absent from work on
17 account of illness. Services rendered in consideration
18 of remuneration received for relief, support or assist-
19 ance, furnished or provided by any agency of the
20 commonwealth, or of a political subdivision thereof,
21 charged with the duty of furnishing aid or assistance,
22 shall not be construed as wage-earning services.