

HOUSE No. 1250

By Mr. Feeney of Boston, petition of Frank E. Baker for legislation to further define group life insurance. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING GROUP LIFE INSURANCE.

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 133 of chapter 175 of the Gen-
2 eral Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 346
3 of the acts of 1946, is hereby further amended by
4 striking out clause (b) therein and inserting in place
5 thereof the following clause:— or (b) the members
6 of any trade union or other association of wage
7 workers described in section twenty-nine, with or
8 without medical examination, written under a policy
9 issued to such un on or association or to the trustees
10 of a fund established by one or more such unions or
11 associations, the premium on which is to be paid by
12 the union, association or trustees or by the union,
13 association or trustees and the members jointly, and
14 insuring all of the members for amounts of insurance
15 based upon some plan which will preclude individual
16 selection, and for the benefit of persons other than the
17 union or association or any officers thereof, or the

18 trustees, provided that when the premium is to be
19 paid by the union, association or trustees and the
20 members jointly and the benefits of the policy are
21 offered to all members, not less than seventy-five per
22 cent of such members may be so insured, and provided
23 further that any member or members insured under
24 the policy may apply for amounts of insurance addi-
25 tional to those granted by said policy, in which case
26 any percentage of the members may be insured for
27 additional amounts if they pass satisfactory medical
28 examinations;

1 SECTION 2. Section 134 of chapter 175 of the Gen-
2 eral Laws, Tercentenary Edition, as most recently
3 amended by chapter 456 of the acts of 1941, is hereby
4 further amended by striking out the first sentence of
5 the second paragraph following provision 4 and insert-
6 ing in place thereof the following sentence:— The
7 word “employer”, as used in this section and sec-
8 tion one hundred and thirty-seven, shall include a
9 trade union or association of wage workers described
10 in section twenty-nine, or the trustees of a fund es-
11 tablished by one or more such unions or associations,
12 an association of state, county or municipal employ-
13 ees, a financial or other institution, including subsid-
14 iary or affiliated institutions, and a vendor of any
15 property.