

HOUSE No. 493

By Mr. Dinis of New Bedford, petition of Edmund Dinis that the payment of unemployment benefits be authorized 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-Nine.

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 chap-
2 ter 151A of the General Laws, as appearing in sec-
3 tion 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
14 unable to obtain any suitable work and cannot,

15 reasonably, return to any self-employment in which
16 he is customarily engaged, or in which he is absent
17 from work on account of illness. Services rendered in
18 consideration of remuneration received for relief,
19 support or assistance, furnished or provided by any
20 agency of the commonwealth, or of a political sub-
21 division thereof, charged with the duty of furnishing
22 aid or assistance, shall not be construed as wage-earn-
23 ing services.