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By Mr. Boot of Lynn, petition of Harold J. Hanlon that the payment be authorized of unemployment benefits to employees absent from work on account of illness. Labor and Industries.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### 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, in-  
12 cluding net earnings from self-employment, and in  
13 which, 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  
18 in 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-  
23 earning services.

24 Such illness shall not be construed as compensable  
25 illness if due to intoxicating liquors.