

SENATE No. 262

To accompany the petition of Roy F. Williams for legislation relative to the eligibility provisions and benefit structure of the employment security law. Labor and Industries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS AND BENEFIT STRUCTURE OF THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW.

*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 29 of chapter 151A of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by striking out sub-
3 section (a), as amended, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following:—

5 (a) An individual in total unemployment and
6 otherwise eligible for benefits shall be paid for each
7 week of unemployment an amount equal to one
8 twenty-sixth of his wages in the two highest quarters
9 of his base period. Said benefit shall be raised to the
10 next highest dollar if it includes a fractional part of
11 a dollar. No benefit shall be less than six dollars
12 per week nor more than twenty-five dollars per week.

1 SECTION 2. Section 24 of chapter 151A of the Gen-
2 eral Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 685

3 of the acts of 1941, is hereby amended by striking
4 out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the
5 following:—

6 (a) Have been paid wages in his base period of not
7 less than five hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 151A of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out section 30 thereof as
3 amended, and substituting therefor the following:—
4 *Section 30.* The total benefits which an unem-
5 ployed individual may receive during his benefit year
6 shall be an amount equal to thirty per cent of his
7 wages in the base period, or an amount equal to
8 twenty-three times his benefit rate, whichever is the
9 lesser, plus dependency benefits payable under sec-
10 tion twenty-nine of this chapter, but in no event shall
11 any individual receive more than twenty-three weeks
12 of benefits during any one consecutive period of un-
13 employment. If such amount includes a fractional
14 part of a dollar, it shall be raised to the next highest
15 dollar.