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To accompany the petition of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor, by Kenneth J. Kelley and William D. Fleming for legislation to increase certain benefits under the employment security law. Labor and Industries.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT INCREASING CERTAIN BENEFITS UNDER 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 1 of chapter 151A of the General Laws,  
2 as most recently amended, is hereby further amended by strik-  
3 ing out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the follow-  
4 ing subsection: —

5 (a) "Base period", the first four of the five most recently  
6 completed quarters immediately preceding the first day of a  
7 claimant's benefit year.

1 SECTION 2. The new sentence added to the end of subsec-  
2 tion (o) of section 1 of chapter 151A by section 3 of chapter 719  
3 of the acts of 1956 is hereby deleted.

1 SECTION 3. Section 29 of said chapter 151A, as most re-  
2 cently amended, is hereby amended by striking out section 5  
3 and inserting in place thereof the following subsection (a): —

4 (a) An individual in total unemployment and otherwise eligi-  
5 ble for benefits shall be paid for each week of unemployment  
6 an amount based on the highest quarterly wage of his base  
7 period, as provided in the following table: —

## TOTAL WAGES PAID IN HIGHEST QUARTER.

## Weekly Benefit Rate

\$199 99 or less . . . . .	\$10 00
200 00 — \$219 99 . . . . .	11 00
220 00 — 239 99 . . . . .	12 00
240 00 — 259 99 . . . . .	13 00
260 00 — 279 99 . . . . .	14 00
280 00 — 299 99 . . . . .	15 00
300 00 — 319 99 . . . . .	16 00
320 00 — 339 99 . . . . .	17 00
340 00 — 359 99 . . . . .	18 00
360 00 — 379 99 . . . . .	19 00
380 00 — 399 99 . . . . .	20 00
400 00 — 419 99 . . . . .	21 00
420 00 — 439 99 . . . . .	22 00
440 00 — 459 99 . . . . .	23 00
460 00 — 479 99 . . . . .	24 00
480 00 — 499 99 . . . . .	25 00
500 00 — 519 99 . . . . .	26 00
520 00 — 539 99 . . . . .	27 00
540 00 — 559 99 . . . . .	28 00
560 00 — 579 99 . . . . .	29 00
580 00 — 599 99 . . . . .	30 00
600 00 — 619 99 . . . . .	31 00
620 00 — 639 99 . . . . .	32 00
640 00 — 659 99 . . . . .	33 00
660 00 — 679 99 . . . . .	34 00
680 00 — 699 99 . . . . .	35 00
700 00 — 719 99 . . . . .	36 00
720 00 — 739 99 . . . . .	37 00
740 00 — 759 99 . . . . .	38 00
760 00 — 779 99 . . . . .	39 00
780 00 and over . . . . .	40 00

1 SECTION 4. Said chapter 151A is hereby further amended  
 2 by striking out the first paragraph of section 30, as inserted by  
 3 section 6 of chapter 719 of the acts of 1956, and inserting in  
 4 place thereof the following new paragraph:—

5 *Section 30.* The total benefits which an unemployed indi-  
 6 vidual may receive during his benefit year shall be an amount  
 7 equal to forty per cent of his wages in the base period, or an  
 8 amount equal to twenty-six times his benefit rate, whichever is  
 9 the lesser, plus dependency benefits payable under section  
 10 twenty-nine. If such amount includes a fractional part of a  
 11 dollar, it shall be raised to the next highest dollar.