

By Mr. Ames, a petition of Joseph K. Buckley and Oliver F. Ames for legislation to provide that in the purchase of supplies and materials for the Commonwealth there shall be an absolute preference in favor of supplies and materials manufactured in the United States. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT IN THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH THERE SHALL BE AN ABSOLUTE PREFERENCE IN FAVOR OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS MANUFACTURED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES.

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 22 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby
 2 amended by striking out clause (17) and by substituting there-
 3 for the following two clauses: —

4 (17) A preference in the purchase of supplies and materials,
 5 other considerations being equal, in favor of supplies and ma-
 6 terials manufactured and sold within the commonwealth, with
 7 a proviso that the state purchasing agent may, where prac-
 8 ticable, allow a further preference in favor of such supplies
 9 and materials manufactured and sold in those cities and towns
 10 within the commonwealth in which the ratio of unemployment
 11 to the total labor force, as determined by the division of em-
 12 ployment security, is in excess of five and nine-tenths per
 13 cent.

14 (17a) An absolute preference in the purchase of supplies
 15 and materials in favor of supplies and materials manufactured
 16 and sold within the United States whenever such supplies and
 17 materials are available and adequate for the purpose for which
 18 they are to be used.

