

HOUSE No. 949

By Mr. Desmond of Lowell, petition of Cornelius Desmond, Jr., that payment of unemployment compensation 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-Five.

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 one of
2 chapter one hundred and fifty-one A of the General
3 Laws, as appearing in section one of chapter six hun-
4 dred and eighty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred
5 and forty-one, is hereby amended by inserting after
6 the word "engaged" in the ninth line the following: —
7 , or in which he is absent from work on account of
8 illness, — so as to read as follows: — (2) "Total un-
9 employment", an individual shall be deemed to be in
10 total unemployment in any week in which he performs
11 no wage-earning services whatever, and in which he
12 earns no wages or other payment for personal serv-
13 ices, including net earnings from self-employment,
14 and in which, though capable of and available for

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