

# HOUSE . . . . No. 958

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By Messrs. O'Neill and Toomey of Cambridge, petition of Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., and John J. Toomey for legislation requiring that wages be paid in currency and that certain information be furnished to employees. Labor and Industries.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT REQUIRING THAT WAGES BE PAID IN CURRENCY  
AND THAT CERTAIN INFORMATION BE FURNISHED TO  
EMPLOYEES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the  
same, as follows:*

1 Chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section one  
3 hundred and forty-eight, as amended by chapter one  
4 hundred and sixty of the acts of nineteen hundred and  
5 thirty-six, the following new section: —

6 *Section 148A.* Employers subject to the provisions  
7 of section one hundred and forty-eight shall make the  
8 prescribed payment of wages in currency, and not by  
9 check, token or other evidence of indebtedness. The  
10 said wages shall be placed in an envelope on which is  
11 clearly printed the name of the employer. The enve-  
12 lope shall also bear the name of the employee, his  
13 social security number, his gross wage, deductions for

14 social security and unemployment compensation bene-  
15 fits, and the net weekly wage.

16 No person shall by a special contract with an em-  
17 ployee or by any other means exempt himself from  
18 this section or section one hundred and fifty. Who  
19 ever violates this section shall be punished by a fine  
20 of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars or by  
21 imprisonment in the house of correction for not more  
22 than two months, or both.