

HOUSE No. 3797

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 22, 1965.

The committee on Labor and Industries, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2511) of Robert J. McGinn relative to the payment of benefits under the Employment Security Law, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 3797).

For the committee,

MARY NEWMAN.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF 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 Chapter 151A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 27, as most recently amended by section 11
3 of chapter 763 of the acts of 1951, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following section: —

5 *Section 27.* No waiting period may be served and no benefits
6 shall be paid for the period of unemployment during which an
7 individual is unavailable for work because of pregnancy. An
8 individual covered by this section shall be deemed to be unavail-
9 able for work, though otherwise eligible, if solely for reasons
10 personal to her, she is not able to continue in or return to the
11 position in which she was most recently employed; provided,
12 that an individual shall not be disqualified under the provisions
13 of this section from receiving benefits solely by reason of leaving
14 her work under the terms of a collective bargaining contract
15 requiring suspension of work because of pregnancy at a specified
16 time, notwithstanding her prior assent, direct or indirect, to
17 such contract. In no event shall a waiting period be served or
18 benefits paid for the four weeks prior to or the four weeks next
19 ensuing after the date of birth of the child.