

Accompanying the sixth recommendation of the Division of Employment Security (House, No. 74). Commerce and Labor.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS IN CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.

*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. Subsection (e) of section 25 of chapter 151A of  
2 the General Laws , as most recently amended by section 78 of  
3 chapter 684 of the acts of 1975, is hereby further amended by  
4 adding the following new paragraph: —

5 An individual shall not be disqualified under the provisions of  
6 this subsection from receiving benefits by reason of leaving work to  
7 enter training approved under section 236(a)(1) of the Trade Act of  
8 1974, provided the work left is not suitable employment, as defined  
9 in this paragraph. For purposes of this paragraph, the term “suitable  
10 employment” means with respect to an individual, work of a  
11 substantially equal or higher skill level than the individual’s past  
12 adversely affected employment, as defined for purposes of the  
13 Trade Act of 1974, and wages for such work at not less than eighty  
14 percent of the individual’s average weekly wage as determined for  
15 the purposes of the Trade Act of 1974.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

