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By Mr. Sullivan of Worcester, petition of Charles F. Jeff Sullivan for legislation to authorize payment of unemployment benefits to employees who are absent from work on account of sickness. Labor and Industries.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO EMPLOYEES ABSENT FROM WORK ON ACCOUNT OF SICKNESS.

*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 (l) of section one of chapter one hun-  
2 dred and fifty-one A of the General Laws, as appear-  
3 ing in section one of chapter four hundred and twenty-  
4 one of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-seven,  
5 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "which"  
6 in the fifth line the following:— he is absent from  
7 work on account of sickness, or, — so as to read as  
8 follows:— (l) "Unemployment", an individual shall  
9 be deemed in unemployment in any week in which he  
10 performs no wage-earning service whatever, and in  
11 which he earns no wages or other pay for personal  
12 services, including net earnings from self-employment,  
13 and in which he is absent from work on account of sick-  
14 ness, or, though capable of and available for work, he is

15 unable to obtain any suitable work and cannot reason-  
16 ably return to any self-employment in which he is  
17 customarily engaged. As used in this subsection, the  
18 term "wages" shall include only that part of remuner-  
19 ation for odd jobs or subsidiary work, or both, which  
20 is in excess of three dollars in any one week, and the  
21 term "services" shall not include that part of odd jobs  
22 or subsidiary work, or both, for which remuneration  
23 not in excess of three dollars in any one week is pay-  
24 able.