
By Mr. Harmon, a petition of the Mass. State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, James A. Broyer, director, for legislation to clarify the lockout section of the unemployment compensation law. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

**AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LOCKOUT SECTION OF THE
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION 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 Ch. 151A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out the first paragraph of Section 25, subsection (b) and insert-
3 ing in place thereof the following new first paragraph of sub-
4 section (b):

5 (b) Any week with respect to which the director finds that
6 his unemployment is due to a stoppage of work which exists
7 because of a labor dispute at the factory, establishment or
8 other premises at which he was last employed; provided that
9 a lockout shall not be deemed to be a labor dispute and no
10 individual shall be denied benefits by reason of a stoppage
11 of work caused by a lockout; and provided, further, that nothing
12 in this subsection shall be construed so as to deny benefits to
13 an otherwise eligible individual (1) who becomes involuntarily
14 unemployed during the period of the negotiation of a collective
15 bargaining contract, in which case the individual shall receive
16 benefits for the period of his unemployment but in no event
17 beyond the date of the commencement of a strike or (2) who
18 is not recalled to work within one week following the termina-
19 tion of the labor dispute; and provided, further, that this sub-
20 section shall not apply if it is shown to the satisfaction of the
21 director that — .

