

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1601

By Mr. Bohigian of Worcester, petition of the Massachusetts State Employees Association and Robert J. Bohigian relative to collective bargaining by employees of the Commonwealth. Public Service.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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

1 Subsection (6) of section 178F of chapter 149 of the Gen-  
2 eral Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end of sub-  
3 section (6) the following new paragraphs: —

4 The department or agency head shall begin collective bar-  
5 gaining negotiations with the exclusive bargaining representative  
6 within one month of the presentation of a proposed contract  
7 by the exclusive bargaining representative to the department or  
8 agency head.

9 The department or agency head is empowered to bargain and  
10 negotiate with respect to wages and to enter into binding  
11 contracts with respect to wages, provided that where wages are  
12 being negotiated a representative of the director of personnel,  
13 and a member or members of the joint ways and means  
14 committee shall also participate in the negotiations, and when  
15 an agreement is reached, the binding contract shall be signed  
16 by the department or agency head, the commissioner of admin-  
17 istration and the director of personnel. The appropriation act  
18 shall contain sufficient funds to meet the obligations of all  
19 outstanding binding contracts, if recommended by the represen-  
20 tatives of the joint ways and means committee who parti-  
21 cipated in the negotiations.

