

By Mr. Wetmore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 204) of Robert D. Wetmore for legislation to authorize the Commissioner of Labor and Industries to suspend the operation of certain labor laws. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES
TO SUSPEND THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN LABOR LAWS.

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

1 The commissioner of labor and industries is hereby author-
2 ized in conformity with Article XX of Part the First of the
3 Constitution of the Commonwealth, to suspend until July first,
4 nineteen hundred and eighty-three the application or operation
5 of any provision of chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the
6 General Laws or of any rule or regulation made thereunder,
7 regulating, limiting or prohibiting the employment of persons,
8 or of minors over the age of sixteen, or both. The commissioner
9 shall exercise this authority when he finds, after opportunity
10 has been given to interested parties to be heard, that an emer-
11 gency exists or that conditions of hardship in an industry,
12 branch of an industry, or individual establishment require or
13 justify the suspension of any provision of such laws, rules or
14 regulations. Suspensions issued by the commissioner shall
15 prescribe, and may be either granted or limited to, one or more
16 particular departments, operations or occupations within an
17 establishment or a particular industry or branch of an industry.
18 The commissioner shall appoint industry advisory committees,
19 on which employers and employees shall be equally represented,
20 to consult and advise with him in matters relating to the sus-
21 pension authorized by this act.

