

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1691

By Mr. Harding of Dedham, petition of Hugh Morton and Francis A. Harding for legislation to extend the right to picket in certain additional labor disputes. Labor and Industries.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

### AN ACT TO EXTEND THE RIGHT TO PICKET IN CERTAIN ADDITIONAL LABOR DISPUTE.

*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. Section 24 of chapter 149 of the Gen-  
2 eral Laws is hereby amended by striking therefrom  
3 the words "lawful trade dispute" and substituting  
4 therefor the words:—Labor dispute as defined in  
5 General Laws, chapter one hundred and fifty A,  
6 section two, subsection seven,— so that the whole  
7 shall read:— *Section 24.* No person shall be punished  
8 criminally, or held liable or answerable in any action  
9 at law or suit in equity, for persuading or attempting  
10 to persuade, by printing or otherwise, any other per-  
11 son to do anything, or to pursue any line of conduct  
12 not unlawful or actionable or in violation of any  
13 martial or other legal duty, unless such persuasion or  
14 attempt to persuade is accompanied by injury or  
15 threat of injury to the person, property, business or

16 occupation of the person persuaded or attempted to  
17 be persuaded, or by disorder or other unlawful con-  
18 duct on the part of the person persuading or attempt-  
19 ing to persuade, or is a part of an unlawful or action-  
20 able conspiracy, nor for attending, in the course of a  
21 labor dispute as defined in General Laws, chapter  
22 one hundred and fifty A, section two, subsection  
23 seven, at any place where such person or persons may  
24 lawfully be, for the purpose of peacefully obtaining  
25 or communicating information or of so persuading  
26 or attempting to persuade.

1 SECTION 2. Subsection (c) of section 20C of chap-  
2 ter 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
3 striking out said subsection and substituting in place  
4 thereof the following: —

5 (c) The term “labor dispute”, when used in these  
6 sections hereinbefore referred to, includes any con-  
7 troversy concerning terms or conditions of employ-  
8 ment, or concerning the association or representation  
9 of persons in negotiating, fixing, maintaining, chang-  
10 ing, or seeking to arrange, terms or conditions of  
11 employment, regardless of whether the disputants  
12 stand in the proximate relation of employer and em-  
13 ployee, provided that nothing in this chapter shall be  
14 construed as permitting the picketing or boycotting  
15 of any place of employment where no labor dispute  
16 exists between the employer and employees unless  
17 such employer requires his employees to transport  
18 goods specifically identified as goods sent from a place  
19 of employment where a labor dispute does exist or to  
20 work on such goods wherein the work required to be  
21 done on such goods is the same as would have been  
22 done by the employees who are a party to such  
23 dispute.

1 SECTION 3. Section 2 of chapter 150A of the Gen-  
2 eral Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end  
3 of the first line thereof the words:— or in section  
4 twenty-four of chapter one hundred and forty-nine, —  
5 so that said section shall start with the following  
6 words:— When used in this chapter or in section  
7 twenty-four of chapter one hundred and forty-nine.

