
By Mr. Harmon, a petition of the Mass. State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, by James A. Broyer, director, for legislation to increase unemployment compensation benefits. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO INCREASE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS.

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 (a) of Section 29 of Chapter 151A of the General
2 Laws, as most recently amended is hereby amended by de-
3 leting said subsection (a) and inserting the following new sub-
4 section (a) in Section 29: —

5 “(a) An individual in total unemployment and otherwise
6 eligible for benefits shall be paid for each week of unemploy-
7 ment an amount equal to sixty per cent of his average weekly
8 wage in the base period, rounded to the next highest dollar,
9 but not less than ten dollars nor more than two-thirds of the
10 average weekly wages of all employees covered by this chap-
11 ter. On or before the first day of October each year, the total
12 wages reported on contribution reports for the twelve months
13 ending March thirty-first of such year shall be divided by the
14 average monthly number of insured employees (determined
15 by dividing the total insured employees reported on contribu-
16 tion reports for the twelve months ending March thirty-first
17 by twelve). The average annual wage thus obtained shall be
18 divided by fifty-two and the average weekly wage thus deter-
19 mined, rounded to the nearest cent. Two-thirds of this amount,
20 rounded to the next highest dollar, shall establish the maxi-
21 mum weekly benefit rate paid any individual whose benefit
22 year commences on or after the first Sunday of October of
23 each year and prior to the first Sunday of October the follow-
24 ing year.

