
By Mr. Powers, petition of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO or successors, by Kenneth J. Kelley, for legislation to increase certain benefits under the employment security law. Labor and Industries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT INCREASING CERTAIN BENEFITS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY 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 SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 151A of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended, is hereby further amended by strik-
3 ing out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the follow-
4 ing subsection: —

5 (a) "Base period", the first four of the five most recently
6 completed quarters immediately preceding the first day of a
7 claimant's benefit year.

1 SECTION 2. The new sentence added to the end of subsec-
2 tion (o) of section 1 of chapter 151A by section 3 of chapter
3 719 of the acts of 1956 is hereby deleted.

1 SECTION 3. Section 29 of said chapter 151A, as most re-
2 cently amended, is hereby amended by striking out section 5
3 and inserting in place thereof the following subsection (a): —

4 (a) An individual in total unemployment and otherwise el-
5 igible for benefits shall be paid for each week of unemployment
6 an amount based on the highest quarterly wage of his base
7 period, as provided in the following table: —

TOTAL WAGES PAID IN HIGHEST QUARTER.	Weekly Benefit Rate
\$199 99 or less	\$10 00
200 00 — \$219 99	11 00
220 00 — 239 99	12 00
240 00 — 259 99	13 00
260 00 — 279 99	14 00
280 00 — 299 99	15 00
300 00 — 319 99	16 00
320 00 — 339 99	17 00
340 00 — 359 99	18 00
360 00 — 379 99	19 00
380 00 — 399 99	20 00
400 00 — 419 99	21 00
420 00 — 439 99	22 00
440 00 — 459 99	23 00
460 00 — 479 99	24 00
480 00 — 499 99	25 00
500 00 — 519 99	26 00
520 00 — 539 99	27 00
540 00 — 559 99	28 00
560 00 — 579 99	29 00
580 00 — 599 99	30 00
600 00 — 619 99	31 00
620 00 — 639 99	32 00
640 00 — 659 99	33 00
660 00 — 679 99	34 00
680 00 — 699 99	35 00
700 00 — 719 99	36 00
720 00 — 739 99	37 00
740 00 — 759 99	38 00
760 00 — 779 99	39 00
780 00 and over	40 00

1 SECTION 4. Said chapter 151A is hereby further amended
 2 by striking out the first paragraph of section 30, as inserted by
 3 section 2 of chapter 437 of the acts of 1958, and inserting in
 4 place thereof the following new paragraph: —

5 *Section 30.* The total benefits which an unemployed indi-
 6 vidual may receive during his benefit year shall be an amount
 7 equal to forty per cent of his wages in the base period, or an
 8 amount equal to twenty-six times his benefit rate, whichever is
 9 the lesser, plus dependency benefits payable under section
 10 twenty-nine. If such amount includes a fractional part of a
 11 dollar, it shall be raised to the next highest dollar.