

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1824

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, petition of Harold P. Naughton, Jr.  
relative to binding arbitration. Labor and Workforce Development.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO BINDING ARBITRATION.

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

1 Chapter 150E of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 paragraph 5 in Section 9, and inserting the following:—  
3 If the impasse continues after the publication of the fact-finding  
4 report, either party, or the parties acting jointly, may petition the  
5 board to initiate arbitration proceedings, the result of which shall be  
6 a final and binding decision. Upon receipt of such petition, the board  
7 shall appoint a panel of three arbitrators from a list of qualified per-  
8 sons. In the alternative, the parties may agree upon the arbitrators  
9 and then notify the board of such agreement and choice of arbitra-  
10 tors. The panel shall transmit its finding and is final and binding  
11 decision to the board and to both parties within thirty days after the  
12 date of its appointment.