

HOUSE No. 1854

By Mr. Torrisi of North Andover, petition of David M. Torrisi relative to unemployment insurance reform. Labor and Workforce Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REFORM.

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. Subsection (2) of paragraph (a) of Section 14 of
2 Chapter 151A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Offi-
3 cial Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 39-40, the
4 words “employer’s total taxable payroll for the period of twelve con-
5 secutive months ending on” and inserting in place thereof the
6 following:—
7 average of the employer’s total taxable payroll for the 3 years
8 prior to.

1 SECTION 2. Said subsection (2) of paragraph (a) of Section 14 of
2 Chapter 151A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby fur-
3 ther amended by striking out, in lines 49-51, the words “total taxable
4 payrolls reported by all employers whose experience rate is deter-
5 mined under paragraph (1) of subsection (i), for the period of twelve
6 consecutive months ending on” and inserting in place thereof the
7 following:—
8 average of the total taxable payrolls reported by all employers
9 whose experience rate is determined under paragraph (1) of subsec-
10 tion (i), for the 3 years preceding.

1 SECTION 3. Said subsection (2) of paragraph (a) of Section 14 of
2 Chapter 151A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby fur-
3 ther amended by striking out, in lines 55-56, the words “total pay-
4 rolls reported by all employers liable for contributions under section

5 fourteen for the calendar year” and inserting in place thereof the
6 following:—

7 the average of the total payrolls reported by all employers liable
8 for contributions under section 14 for the 3 years.

1 SECTION 4. Subsection (1) of paragraph (h) of Section 14 of
2 Chapter 151A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
3 amended by striking out, in lines 166-167, the words “The commis-
4 sioner shall determine each employer’s total taxable wages for the
5 twelve months” and inserting in place thereof the following:—

6 The commissioner shall determine the average of each employer’s
7 total taxable wages for the 3 year.

1 SECTION 5. Subsection (2) of paragraph (h) of Section 14 of said
2 Chapter 151A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
3 amended by striking out, in lines 174-176, the words “commissioner
4 shall determine the total taxable wages of all employers in the Com-
5 monwealth, whose experience rate is determined under paragraph
6 (1) of subsection (i) during the calendar year” and inserting in place
7 thereof the following:—

8 commissioner shall determine the average of the total taxable
9 wages of all employers in the Commonwealth, whose experience
10 rate is determined under paragraph (1) of subsection (i) for the 3
11 year period.

1 SECTION 6. Paragraph (a) of section 24 of chapter 151A, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 3-4, the words
3 “Have been paid wages in the base period amounting to at least
4 thirty times the weekly benefit rate” and inserting in place thereof
5 the following:—

6 Have been paid wages in at least 2 quarters of the base period
7 amounting to at least 30 times the weekly benefit rate.