

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2786**

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of Martin J. Walsh and Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., relative to extending the terms and conditions of certain collective bargaining agreements by mutual consent of both parties. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

*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, Section 9 is hereby amended by replacing the 9th  
2 paragraph with the following language:—  
3 Upon the filing of a petition pursuant to this section for a determi-  
4 nation of an impasse or the filing of a petition for exercise of juris-  
5 diction of the Joint Labor Management Committee under St. 1973, c.  
6 1078 following interim negotiations or negotiations for a successor  
7 agreement, an employer shall not implement unilateral changes until  
8 the collective bargaining process, including mediation, fact finding  
9 or arbitration, if applicable, shall have been completed and the terms  
10 and conditions of employment shall continue in effect until the col-  
11 lective bargaining process, including mediation, fact finding or arbi-  
12 tration, if applicable, shall have been completed; provided, however,  
13 that nothing contained herein shall prohibit the parties from  
14 extending the terms and conditions of such a collective bargaining  
15 agreement by mutual agreement for a period of time in excess of the  
16 aforementioned time. For purposes of this paragraph, the board or  
17 the Joint Labor Management Committee shall certify to the parties  
18 that the collective bargaining process, including mediation, fact  
19 finding or arbitration, if applicable, has been completed.