

SENATE NO. 1661

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 SECTION 1.

2 Chapter 150E, section 9 is hereby amended by striking the 9th paragraph and replacing it with the
3 following language:--

4 Upon the filing of a petition pursuant to this section for a determination of an impasse or the filing of a
5 petition for exercise of jurisdiction of the Joint Labor Management Committee under St. 1973, c. 1078
6 following interim negotiations or negotiations for a successor agreement, an employer shall not
7 implement unilateral changes until the collective bargaining process, including mediation, fact finding
8 or arbitration, if applicable, shall have been completed and the terms and conditions of employment
9 shall continue in effect until the collective bargaining process, including mediation, fact finding or
10 arbitration, if applicable, shall have been completed; provided, however, that nothing contained herein
11 shall prohibit the parties from extending the terms and conditions of such a collective bargaining
12 agreement by mutual agreement for a period of time in excess of the aforementioned time. For
13 purposes of this paragraph, the board or the Joint Labor Management Committee shall certify to the

- 14 parties that the collective bargaining process, including mediation, fact finding or arbitration, if
- 15 applicable, has been completed.