

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1643**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to business owners unemployment insurance benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1643) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to unemployment insurance benefits for certain business owners who intentionally and knowingly close their business with deliberate intent on reopening. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to business owners unemployment insurance benefits.

*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. Chapter 151A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by adding after subsection (c) in Section 24 the following new subsection:--

3           (d) No individual shall be considered eligible for benefits if said individual is a business  
4 owner who intentionally and knowingly closed their business, and therefor ended one's own  
5 employment, with the intention of reopening during the ideal business season.