

HOUSE No. 1744

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

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 regarding a grace period for new employers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Paul McMurtry

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

11th Norfolk

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1744) of Paul McMurtry relative to unemployment compensation contribution rates for new employers. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3395 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act regarding a grace period for new employers.

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. Section 14 of chapter 151A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph, the following
3 paragraph:-

4 New employers shall be assigned an initial flat rate for the first five years, unless a claim
5 is made against their account during the third, fourth or fifth years. If no claims are made during
6 the first five years, then the employer shall be assigned a contribution rate pursuant to paragraph
7 (1) of subsection (i). If, however, a claims is made in the third, fourth or fifth years, the
8 employer shall be assigned a contribution rate pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (i) at the
9 time the claim is made.