

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2605**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Theodore C. Speliotis**

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act defining the responsibilities of the labor relations commission in work stoppages.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Theodore C. Speliotis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

13th Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2745 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT DEFINING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION IN  
WORK STOPPAGES.

*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 150E, Section 9A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2004 Official Edition, is amended by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting a new paragraph (b)  
3 as follows:-

4 (b) whenever a strike occurs or is about to occur, the employer shall petition the commission to  
5 make an investigation to determine whether any provision of Section (a) has been or is about to  
6 be violated. If the Commission so determines, it shall instruct the employer to institute  
7 appropriate proceedings in the Superior Court in the county wherein such violation has occurred  
8 or is about to occur. Furthermore, the Court may in its discretion appoint a master to meet with  
9 the parties and to recommend possible solutions for the resolution of the controversy. Further  
10 the Commission shall conduct an expedited hearing and subpoena witnesses to investigate the  
11 cause of the alleged violation of Section (a)1. If the Commission finds that the violation has  
12 been caused by an unfair labor practice of the employer then the employees shall be absolved of  
13 any civil fines or penalties levied by the Court and the Commission may order round the clock  
14 bargaining and penalize by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars for parties who refuse to  
15 obey the order of the Commission.