

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2658**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Martin J. Walsh**

*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 relative to collective bargaining .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Martin J. Walsh

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

13th Suffolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2786 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### 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. Chapter 150E, section 9 is hereby amended by replacing the 9th paragraph  
2 with the following language:—  
3 Upon the filing of a petition pursuant to this section for a determination of an impasse or the  
4 filing of a petition for exercise of jurisdiction of the Joint Labor Management Committee under  
5 St. 1973, c. 1078 following interim negotiations or negotiations for a successor agreement, an  
6 employer shall not implement unilateral changes until the collective bargaining process,  
7 including mediation, fact finding or arbitration, if applicable, shall have been completed and the  
8 terms and conditions of employment shall continue in effect until the collective bargaining  
9 process, including mediation, fact finding or arbitration, if applicable, shall have been completed;  
10 provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall prohibit the parties from extending the  
11 terms and conditions of such a collective bargaining agreement by mutual agreement for a period  
12 of time in excess of the aforementioned time. For purposes of this paragraph, the board or the

- 13 Joint Labor Management Committee shall certify to the parties that the collective bargaining
- 14 process, including mediation, fact finding or arbitration, if applicable, has been completed.