

SENATE No. 2692

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

SENATE, December 20, 2018

The committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred the House Bill to protect locked out employees (House, No. 4664) (also based on Senate, No. 1028); reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2692.

For the committee,
Joan B. Lovely

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1 SECTION 1. Section 25 of chapter 151A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “lockout”, in line 56, the following
3 words:- and shall be eligible for the extended benefits authorized under subsection (d) of section
4 30.

5 SECTION 2. Section 30 of chapter 151A is hereby amended by adding the following
6 subsection:-

7 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the total benefits of an individual eligible to receive
8 benefits due to an employer’s lockout, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 25, shall be extended
9 beyond the benefit amount authorized in subsection (a) for an additional 26 times the individual’s
10 benefit rate, or until the lockout is concluded, whichever is shorter; provided, however, that the
11 additional benefits shall be paid to the individual only if that individual has exhausted all rights to
12 regular and extended benefits under this chapter and has no rights to benefits or compensation
13 under this chapter or any other state unemployment compensation law or under federal law; and
14 provided further, that any benefit paid to an individual under this subsection shall be charged in
15 accordance with paragraph (3) of subsection (d) of section 14.

16 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no electric
17 company or gas company as defined in section 1 of chapter 164 of the General Laws may seek
18 recovery of assessments made under subsection (d) of section 30 of chapter 151A in a rate
19 proceeding before the department.”.