

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3296**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Kate Hogan*

*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:

An Act to reconcile and update employment insurance for agricultural workers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3296) of Kate Hogan and others relative to adjusting unemployment insurance for agricultural workers. Labor and Workforce Development.

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An Act to reconcile and update employment insurance for agricultural workers.

*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. Subsection (b) of section 8A of chapter 151A of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in both instances, the  
3 words “twenty thousand dollars” and inserting in place thereof the following:- \$40,000.

4 SECTION 2. Said subsection (b) of said section 8A of said chapter 151A is hereby  
5 further amended by adding the following 2 paragraphs:-

6 In the case of any year beginning after 2015, the amount of \$40,000 shall be adjusted  
7 annually to account for changes in cost-of-living, as determined by the commissioner of the  
8 department of revenue, for the calendar year in which the taxable year begins. Any change in  
9 amount shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$100.

10 Employers who exceed the thresholds specified in this section in a single quarter shall  
11 again be eligible for exemption from the provisions of this chapter provided they do not exceed  
12 said thresholds in any of the remaining and subsequent calendar year.