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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
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SENATE, March 18, 2020.

The committee on Senate Ways and Means to whom was referred the Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to authorize the waiver of the one-week waiting period for unemployment benefits (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2598), - reported, in part, a "Bill authorizing waiver of the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits" (Senate, No. 2599).

For the committee,
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An Act authorizing waiver of the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make certain changes in law in response to a public health emergency, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 23 of chapter 151A of the General Laws, the director of unemployment assistance shall waive the one-week waiting period for any person making a claim for unemployment benefits who has become separated from work as a result of any circumstance relating to or resulting from the outbreak of the 2019 novel Coronavirus or "COVID-19" or the effects of the Governor's March 10, 2020 declaration of a state of emergency.

This section will expire 90 days after termination of said state of emergency.

SECTION 2. Section 1 shall take effect on March 10, 2020.