

# MA 2009-2010 Legislative Agenda

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*(Listed in alphabetical order)*

*Robert J. Haynes, President*

### ***2009-2010: Safety and Security for Working Families***

#### **An Act for a Competitive Economy Through Safer Alternatives to Toxic Chemicals**

To replace toxic chemicals in products and in the workplace where safer alternatives are economically feasible. *Lead Sponsors: Senator Steven Tolman and Representative Jay Kaufman (SB442/HB757)*

#### **An Act Relative to Modernizing and Protecting the Unemployment Insurance System**

Omnibus bill to improve and strengthen the Unemployment Insurance system in Massachusetts.

*Lead Sponsors: Senator Thomas McGee and Representative Martin Walsh (SB698/HB1867)*

#### **An Act Relative to Paid Sick Days**

An Act Establishing Paid Sick Days for workers who do not presently have them.

*Lead Sponsors: Senator Patricia Jehlen and Representative Kay Khan (SB688/HB1815)*

#### **An Act Relative to Plant Relocation**

Requires companies that close plants in Massachusetts to compensate employees.

*Lead Sponsor: Senator Marc Pacheco (SB201)*

#### **An Act Relative to Privatizing Contracts**

Regulates the Commonwealth's contracting with companies, prohibiting outsourcing to companies outside the United States. *Lead Sponsor: Senator Jack Hart (SB1420)*

#### **An Act Relative to Protecting Against the Displacement of Current Employees**

Requires contractors to hire its workforce from existing worker pool when state services are privatized.

*Lead Sponsor: Senator Marc Pacheco (SB62)*

#### **An Act Relative to Protecting Honest Employers in Regards to Workers' Compensation**

Provides a private right of action to hold employers accountable for not providing workers' compensation payments to their employees. *Lead Sponsors: Senator Jack Hart and Representative Martin Walsh (SB682/HB1877)*

#### **An Act Establishing and Regulating Resort-Style Entertainment in the Commonwealth**

Seeks to create jobs and generate revenues by establishing and regulating destination resort-style entertainment and casino facilities in the Commonwealth. *Lead Sponsors: Representative Brian Wallace, Representative Martin Walsh, Senator Joan Menard and Senator Michael Morrissey (HD3954)*

#### **An Act Relative to the Safety and Protection of Utility Work and Construction Sites**

Mandates that police officer details be present at all utility projects to ensure the safety and protection of workers and the public on all gas, electric, cable, telecommunications, and other public utility projects.

*Lead Sponsors: Senator James Timilty and Representative Joseph Driscoll (SB1537/HB3067)*

#### **An Act Relative to Temporary Workers' Right to Know**

Provides temporary workers with basic information about the job they are being hired for to ensure their safety. *Lead Sponsors: Senator Jack Hart and Representative Linda Dorcena Forry (SB680/HB1797)*