

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1707**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Sean Garballey*

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing benefits for permanent functional loss and disfigurement under the Worker's Compensation Act.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Daniel A. Wolf</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>

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By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1707) of Sean Garballey and others relative to benefits for permanent functional loss and disfigurement under the workers' compensation law. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act providing benefits for permanent functional loss and disfigurement under the Worker's Compensation Act.

*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 36(k) of chapter 152 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
2 striking out, in line 3, the words "fifteen thousand dollars" and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following words:- 30 times the average weekly wage in the commonwealth as determined  
4 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29 of chapter 151A. and by striking out in lines 4-6 the  
5 words "No amount shall be payable under this section for disfigurement that is purely scar-  
6 based, unless such disfigurement is on the face, neck or hands."