

HOUSE No. 1834

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert L. Rice, Jr.

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 bill:

An Act relating to workers compensation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Robert L. Rice, Jr.	2nd Worcester
Martin J. Walsh	13th Suffolk
Christopher G. Fallon	33rd Middlesex
Ronald Mariano	3rd Norfolk
Allen J. McCarthy	7th Plymouth
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS COMPENSATION.

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. Chapter 152 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 35F the following section:- Permanent and partial incapacity; compensation

3 While the incapacity for work resulting from the injury is both permanent and partial, the insurer shall pay
4 to the injured employee, following payment of compensation provided in section thirty-five, a weekly
5 compensation equal to two-thirds of the difference between his or her average weekly wage before the
6 injury and the weekly wage he or she is capable of earning after the injury, but not more than seventy-five
7 percent of what such employee would receive if he or she were eligible for total incapacity benefits under
8 section thirty-four. An insurer may reduce the amount paid to an employee under this section to the
9 amount at which the employee's combined weekly earnings and benefits are equal to two times the
10 average weekly wage in the commonwealth at the time of such reduction.