

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2000**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, 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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to fairness in workers' compensation benefits.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                         | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:     | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>  | <i>20th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/5/2021</i>  |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i> | <i>2nd Plymouth</i>   | <i>2/25/2021</i> |
| <i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>     | <i>8th Plymouth</i>   | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Paul K. Frost</i>          | <i>7th Worcester</i>  | <i>3/11/2021</i> |
| <i>Hannah Kane</i>            | <i>11th Worcester</i> | <i>3/18/2021</i> |
| <i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>     | <i>1st Plymouth</i>   | <i>3/24/2021</i> |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i>       | <i>4th Bristol</i>    | <i>4/7/2021</i>  |

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2000) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to workers' compensation benefits for willful misconduct of employees. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to fairness in workers' compensation benefits.

*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, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out section 27 in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following:-

4           Section 27. If the employee is injured by reason of his serious willful misconduct,  
5 including intoxication or unlawful use of a controlled substance, as defined in section 1 of  
6 chapter 94C, he shall not receive compensation or any portion of the benefit; provided, that this  
7 provision shall not bar compensation or benefits to his or her dependents if the injury results in  
8 death.