

SENATE No. 2033

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

SENATE, Thursday, October 15, 2015

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Senate Bill relative to fairness in worker's compensation disfigurement benefits (Senate, No. 968) [also based on House, No. 1707],-- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2033).

For the committee,
Karen E. Spilka

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An Act relative to fairness in worker's compensation disfigurement 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. Section 36 of chapter 152 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 78, the words "fifteen thousand
3 dollars" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 22.5 times the average weekly wage
4 in the commonwealth as determined pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29 of chapter 151A.

5 SECTION 2. Subsection (k) of said section 36 of said chapter 152, as so appearing, is
6 hereby amended by striking out the last sentence.

7 SECTION 3. The changes to subsection (k) of section 36 of chapter 152 of the General
8 Laws relative to the maximum recovery allowed and the nature of the bodily disfigurement shall
9 apply to claims filed under said subsection (k) of said section 36 of said chapter 152 on or after
10 the effective date of this act.