

HOUSE No. 1715

Mr. Feeney of Boston moves that this bill be substituted for a Bill with the same title (House, No. 938). April 8.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Six.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PAYMENTS TO INJURED EMPLOYEES
UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter one hundred and fifty-two of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out section thirty,
3 as most recently amended by chapter one hundred and
4 eighty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-
5 three, and inserting in place thereof the following
6 section: —

7 *Section 30.* The insurer shall furnish to an injured
8 employee adequate and reasonable medical and hos-
9 pital services, and medicines if needed, together with
10 the expenses necessarily incidental to such services.
11 The employee may select a physician other than the
12 one provided by the insurer; and in case he shall be
13 treated by a physician of his own selection, or where
14 in case of emergency or for other justifiable cause a
15 physician other than the one provided by the insurer
16 is called in to treat the injured employee, the reason-

17 able cost of the physician's services shall be paid by
18 the insurer, subject to the approval of the department.
19 Such approval shall be granted only if the department
20 finds that the employee was so treated by such physi-
21 cian or that there was such emergency or justifiable
22 cause, and in all cases that the services were adequate
23 and reasonable and the charges reasonable. In any
24 case where the department is of opinion that the fitting
25 of the employee with an artificial eye or limb, or other
26 mechanical appliance, will promote his restoration to
27 or continue him in industry, it may order that he be
28 provided with such an artificial eye, limb or appli-
29 ance, at the expense of the insurer.