

HOUSE . . . . . No. 1334

By Mr. Simonelli of Somerville, petition of Michael J. Simonelli for legislation to revise the method of payment of workmen's compensation benefits to state employees. Labor and Industries.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Eight.

AN ACT REVISING THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BENEFITS TO ITS EMPLOYEES BY THE COMMONWEALTH.

*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 7 of the General Laws, as most recently  
2 amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after section  
3 28A the following new section:—

4 *Section 28B.* The director of the division of personnel and  
5 standardization shall be the official representative to act on be-  
6 half of the commonwealth as an employer and an insurer as  
7 defined in chapter one hundred and fifty-two of the General  
8 Laws, as amended, relating to workmen's compensation, and  
9 shall be responsible for the proper carrying out of the provisions  
10 of said chapter one hundred and fifty-two of the General Laws  
11 under the direction and supervision of the division of industrial  
12 accidents.

13 The director of the division of personnel and standardization  
14 may, subject to the approval of the commission of administration  
15 and finance, prescribe rules and regulations for the observance  
16 by employing heads of the several departments and separate  
17 boards, commissions and divisions of the commonwealth for  
18 compliance with the provisions of the workmen's compensation  
19 law applicable to them. Such rules and regulations shall be  
20 consistent, and shall not conflict with the rules and regulations

21 prescribed by the industrial accident board under section five of  
22 said chapter one hundred and fifty-two.

1 SECTION 2. Section sixty-nine B of chapter one hundred and  
2 fifty-two of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 3. The personnel of the division of industrial acci-  
2 dents currently employed in connection with the supervision of  
3 workmen's compensation agents under chapter one hundred and  
4 fifty-two, section seventy-five, as amended, including the super-  
5 visor of workmen's compensation agents having charge of such  
6 personnel of the division of industrial accidents, shall be trans-  
7 ferred to the division of personnel and standardization upon the  
8 effective date of this act and shall continue to serve in said  
9 division of personnel and standardization without impairment  
10 of their civil service or other rights, and such employees shall  
11 retain such step-rate increases from the minimal base of their  
12 grade earned from their service with the division of industrial  
13 accidents, and for retirement purposes their service with said  
14 division shall be deemed to be creditable service.

15 All records in the custody of the aforesaid personnel of the  
16 division of industrial accidents which may be necessary to give  
17 effect to this act and which are not case files of the division of  
18 industrial accidents are hereby transferred to the division of  
19 personnel and standardization.