

By Mr. Demers of Chicopee, petition of Joseph McGuire, Richard H. Demers and another relative to increasing the penalty for non-compliance with the law concerning the delay of compensation payments. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW CONCERNING THE DELAY OF COMPENSATION PAYMENTS.

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 7E of Chapter 152 of Massachusetts General Laws
2 Annotated, as most recently amended by Chapter 152 of the Acts
3 of 1972 shall be further amended by deleting the word "ten" as
4 appearing in line 3 and substituting the word — "twenty-five" so
5 said section shall read as follows: —

6 The board, reviewing board or single member shall, if it finds
7 that payment of compensation has been unreasonably delayed by
8 an insurer or self-insurer, increase the award to a claimant by not
9 less than five nor more than twenty-five per cent of the compensa-
10 tion then found to be due.

