

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1810

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By Mr. Burke of Ipswich, petition of Harland Burke for legislation to provide for the payment of compensation by joint contractors to their employees under the workmen's compensation law. Labor and Industries.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF  
COMPENSATION BY JOINT CONTRACTORS TO THEIR EM-  
PLOYEES UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW.

1    *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would  
2 result in unnecessarily delaying the time when joint  
3 contractors could avail themselves of the provisions  
4 thereof relating to the payment of compensation to  
5 their employees under the workmen's compensation  
6 law, therefor it is hereby declared to be an emergency  
7 law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the  
8 public convenience.

*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 25B of chapter 152 of the General Laws,  
2 inserted by section 7 of chapter 529 of the acts of  
3 1943, is hereby amended by adding at the end the fol-  
4 lowing paragraph:—

5    Employers acting as joint contractors may, in the

6 case of their employees who are employed solely on the  
7 work being done under such joint contracts, provide  
8 for the payment to them of the compensation provided  
9 for by this chapter under the provisions of sub-  
10 division (1) or of subdivision (2) of section twenty-  
11 five A.