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By Mr. Cahoon of Harwich, petition of John J. Roddy relative to the creation of an appeal board in the Division of Industrial Accidents. Labor and Industries.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CREATION OF A THREE MAN APPEAL BOARD IN THE DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

*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 24 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following:—

4 *Section 3.* There shall be in the department, but  
5 not under its supervision or control, an industrial  
6 accident reviewing board consisting of three members,  
7 all of whom shall be attorneys at law, at such salaries  
8 as the governor and council determine. Upon the  
9 expiration of the term of office of a member his suc-  
10 cessor shall be appointed for eight years by the gov-  
11 ernor, with the advice and consent of the council.  
12 Original appointments under this act shall be one  
13 member for a term of two years, one member for a  
14 term of four years and one member for a term of six  
15 years. The governor shall designate the chairman of  
16 said board. The governor may, with the advice and  
17 consent of the council, fill any vacancy on the board.

18 The chairman of the industrial accident board shall  
19 provide for the industrial accident reviewing board  
20 suitable quarters and such clerical, secretarial, ad-  
21 ministrative or other service and assistance as the

22 industrial accident reviewing board may deem nec-  
23 essary.

24 The industrial accident reviewing board shall  
25 exercise the powers of the reviewing board described  
26 in chapter one hundred and fifty-two, and shall have  
27 the same powers as the industrial accident board,  
28 including authority to overrule decisions of said board  
29 on questions of law or fact, and final authority to ap-  
30 prove or disapprove lump sum settlements under  
31 section forty-eight of chapter one hundred and fifty-  
32 two.