

By Mr. Costello of Boston, petition of John W. Costello for an amendment of the law relative to the payment of workmen's compensation benefits to injured employees or their dependents. Labor and Industries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PREVENT DELIBERATE DELAY OR CARELESSNESS IN THE PAYMENT OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BENEFITS TO INJURED EMPLOYEES OR THEIR DEPENDENTS OR TO DEPENDENTS OF THOSE KILLED OR WHO DIED AS A RESULT OF INJURIES.

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 50 of chapter 152 of the General Laws (Ter.
2 Ed.), as most recently amended by chapter 670 of the
3 acts of 1953, is hereby amended by striking out the
4 words "such decision" in line 7 and inserting in place
5 thereof the following words:— of knowledge by the
6 employer or insurer of the injury or death or of the
7 claim for injury or death, — so as to read:— When-
8 ever compensation is not paid within ninety days of
9 notice to the insurer that compensation is claimed to
10 be due an employee or his dependents and there are one
11 or more hearings on any question involving the said
12 compensation and the decision is in favor of the em-
13 ployee or his dependents, interest at the rate of four
14 per cent per annum from the date of knowledge by the
15 employer or insurer of the injury or death or of the claim
16 for injury or death was first given to the date of pay-
17 ment shall be paid by the insurer on all sums due as
18 compensation to such employee or dependents. When-
19 ever such sums include weekly payments, interest shall
20 be computed on each unpaid weekly payment.

