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By Mr. Wall, petition of William X. Wall for legislation to provide for group accident and sickness insurance coverage of independent contractor newspaperboys. Insurance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Three.

### AN ACT AUTHORIZING GROUP ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE COVERAGE OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR NEWSPAPERBOYS.

*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. Section 110 of chapter 175 of the General Laws  
2 is hereby amended by striking out subdivision (B) of said  
3 section and inserting in place thereof the following subdivi-  
4 sion:

5 (B) (1) The employer, whether an individual, corpora-  
6 tion, co-partnership or association, or a municipal corporation  
7 or department thereof, including a police or fire department or  
8 volunteer fire department, in case of such a general or blanket  
9 policy issued by a domestic mutual life or other domestic mu-  
10 tual company to such employer, or (2) the college, school or  
11 other institution of learning, in case of such a policy so issued  
12 to such institution; or (3) the head or principal of the college,  
13 school or other institution of learning, in case of such a policy  
14 so issued to the head or principal of such institution; or (4)  
15 such person as the organization for health, recreation or mili-  
16 tary instruction or treatment, the automobile club, the under-  
17 writers' corps, salvage bureau or like organization or the trade  
18 union or association of workers, or an association described  
19 in subdivision (C) of this section shall designate, in case of  
20 such a policy issued to such organization or union or associa-  
21 tion; or (5) such person as the trustees of a fund established

22 as described in clause (a) or clause (i) of subdivision (A) of  
23 this section shall designate, in case such a policy so issued to  
24 such trustees; or (6) a newspaper or newspaper distributor  
25 described in subdivision (D), shall alone be a member of the  
26 company and entitled to one vote by virtue of such policy at  
27 the meetings of the company.

1 SECTION 2. Section 110 of said chapter 175 is hereby  
2 further amended by striking out subdivision (D) of said sec-  
3 tion and inserting in place thereof the following subdivisions:

4 (D) Nothing in section one hundred and eight shall be  
5 construed to apply to or affect or prohibit the issue of any  
6 general or blanket policy of insurance to any newspaper or  
7 newspaper distributor employing independent contractor news-  
8 paperboys under which the independent contractor newspaper-  
9 boys associated therewith, are insured against loss or damage  
10 from disease or specified accidental bodily injuries, or death  
11 caused by such injuries, contracted or sustained while exposed  
12 to the hazards of their occupation, for a premium intended to  
13 cover the risks of all persons insured under such policy. A  
14 policy on which the premiums are paid by a newspaper or  
15 newspaper distributor wholly from funds of or contributed by  
16 such newspaper or newspaper distributor insuring all eligible  
17 employees, shall be deemed a general or blanket policy within  
18 the meaning of this section. A policy on which the premiums  
19 are paid by the policy holder, either partly from funds of or  
20 contributed by such policy holder and partly from funds con-  
21 tributed by the insured independent contractor newspaper-  
22 boys or wholly from funds contributed by such newspaperboys  
23 and the benefits of which are offered to all eligible newspaper-  
24 boys and insuring not less than seventy-five per cent of all  
25 eligible newspaperboys shall be deemed to be a general or  
26 blanket policy within the meaning of this section.

27 (E) Any blanket or general policy issued under subdivision  
28 (A) of this section or subdivision (C) or (D) of this section  
29 may also insure the dependents of employees or members or  
30 other persons insured thereunder in respect to medical, sur-  
31 gical and hospital expenses, and the employees or members or

32 other persons may contribute part or all of the premium for  
33 such insurance.

22. In the event any contribution part of the fund for

the purpose of the fund shall be made by any person

other than the State, the contribution shall be made

in such manner as to be received by the State

and shall be subject to the provisions of this Act

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