

HOUSE No. 1108

By Mr. Batal of Lawrence, petition of Michael J. Batal for an increase in the amount of weekly compensation to be paid for total or partial incapacity under the workmen's compensation law. Labor and Industries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF WEEKLY COMPENSATION TO BE PAID FOR TOTAL OR PARTIAL INCAPACITY UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW.

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 thirty-four of chapter one
2 hundred and fifty-two of the General Laws, as most
3 recently amended by chapter six hundred and twenty-
4 four of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one, is
5 hereby further amended by striking out, in the fifth
6 line, the words "more than twenty dollars nor", —
7 so as to read as follows:— *Section 34.* While the
8 incapacity for work resulting from the injury is total
9 the insurer shall pay to the injured employee a weekly
10 compensation equal to two thirds of his average
11 weekly wages, but not less than eleven dollars a
12 week, unless the weekly wages of the injured employee
13 are less than eleven dollars, in which case said weekly
14 compensation shall be equal to his average weekly

15 wages, but in no case less than seven dollars a week
16 where the number of normal working hours of the
17 injured employee in a week are fifteen or more;
18 provided, that the period covered by such compensa-
19 tion shall not be greater than five hundred weeks nor
20 the amount more than forty-five hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 2. Section thirty-five of said chapter one
2 hundred and fifty-two, as amended by chapter two
3 hundred and ninety-nine of the acts of nineteen
4 hundred and forty-three, is hereby further amended
5 by striking out, in the sixth and seventh lines, the
6 words “, but not more than twenty dollars a week”,
7 — so as to read as follows:— *Section 35.* While the
8 incapacity for work resulting from the injury is partial,
9 the insurer shall pay the injured employee a weekly
10 compensation equal to two thirds of the difference
11 between his average weekly wages before the injury
12 and the average weekly wages which he is able to
13 earn thereafter; and the amount of such compensation
14 shall not be more than forty-five hundred dollars.