

HOUSE No. 1409

By Mr. Aspero of Worcester, petition of Joseph A. Aspero for legislation to increase the minimum and maximum amounts of weekly compensation to be paid for total 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 MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM AMOUNTS OF WEEKLY COMPENSATION TO BE PAID FOR TOTAL 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 thirty-four of chapter one hundred and
2 fifty-two of the General Laws, as most recently
3 amended by chapter six hundred and twenty-four
4 of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one, is
5 hereby further amended by striking out, in the fifth
6 line, the word "twenty" and inserting in place thereof
7 the word:— twenty-five, — and by striking out, in
8 said line, the word "eleven" and inserting in place
9 thereof the word:— fifteen, — so as to read as
10 follows:— *Section 34.* While the incapacity for work
11 resulting from the injury is total, the insurer shall
12 pay to the injured employee a weekly compensation

13 equal to two thirds of his average weekly wages, but
14 not more than twenty-five dollars nor less than
15 fifteen dollars a week, unless the weekly wages of the
16 injured employee are less than eleven dollars, in which
17 case said weekly compensation shall be equal to his
18 average weekly wages, but in no case less than seven
19 dollars a week where the number of normal working
20 hours of the injured employee in a week are fifteen
21 or more; provided, that the period covered by such
22 compensation shall not be greater than five hundred
23 weeks nor the amount more than forty-five hundred
24 dollars.