

SENATE No. 191

To accompany the petition of Robert H. Hobbs for legislation relative to insurance by the Commonwealth, counties, cities, towns and districts of their liability under the workmen's compensation law. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INSURANCE BY THE COMMONWEALTH, COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS OF THEIR LIABILITY 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 Chapter 152 of the General Laws is hereby amended
- 2 by striking out section 25B and inserting in place
- 3 thereof the following section:—
- 4 *Section 25B.* Section twenty-five A shall not apply
- 5 to the commonwealth or the various counties, cities,
- 6 towns and districts provided for in sections sixty-nine
- 7 to seventy-five, inclusive. The commonwealth or such
- 8 counties, cities, towns and districts may, however,
- 9 subject to the provisions of sections sixty-nine to
- 10 seventy-five, inclusive, insure with an insurer the
- 11 payment of compensation provided by this chapter
- 12 to some or all of the laborers, workmen and mechanics,
- 13 as said terms are used in said sections, employed by

14 them. If the payment of such compensation is insured
15 only for some of such laborers, workmen and me-
16 chanics, the liability of the insurer shall be limited to
17 payment of compensation for injury or death suffered
18 by such laborers, workmen or mechanics as are named
19 or described in the policy of insurance of the declara-
20 tions or endorsements forming part of such policy.
21 Any employer may bring an employee or employees
22 for whom he is not required by this chapter to provide
23 for the payment of compensation within the coverage
24 of this chapter by providing for the payment of
25 compensation to such employee or employees as pro-
26 vided by this chapter.