To accompany the petition of John J. Kearney relative to the time of incapacitation for which injured employees shall be entitled to compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act. Joint Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Time of Incapacitation under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

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 four of Part II of chapter seven hundred and fifty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and eleven, as amended by chapter ninety of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and sixteen, is hereby further amended by striking out the word "ten", where it occurs in the third and fourth lines, and substituting in each case the word: — five, — and by striking out the word "eleventh", in the fifth line, — so as to read as follows: — Section 4. No compensation shall be paid under this act for any injury which does not
incapacitate the employee for a period of at least five days from earning full wages, but if incapacity extends beyond the period of five days, compensation will begin on the day after the injury. When compensation shall have begun, it shall not be discontinued except with the written assent of the employee or the approval of the board, or a member thereof: provided, however, that such compensation shall be paid in accordance with section ten of Part II of said chapter seven hundred and fifty-one, as amended by section five of chapter seven hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, if the employee in fact earns wages at any time after the original agreement is filed.