

SENATE No. 185

To accompany the petition of John Halliwell that the Industrial Accident Board be authorized to allow compensation if the notice of injury is filed within one year from the date thereof. Joint Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

AN ACT

Authorizing the Payment of Compensation if the Employee can show Any Reasonable Cause for Failure to give Notice of the Injury.

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 eighteen of chapter seven
2 hundred and fifty-one of the acts of the year
3 nineteen hundred and eleven is hereby amended
4 by the addition of the words, after semicolon:—
5 and for any reasonable cause shown, the industrial
6 accident board may allow compensation if the
7 notice is filed within one year after the injury, —
8 so as to read as follows:— *Section 18.* A notice
9 given under the provisions of this act shall not
10 be held invalid or insufficient by reason of any

11 inaccuracy in stating the time, place or cause of
12 the injury, unless it is shown that it was the in-
13 tention to mislead and the association was in fact
14 misled thereby. Want of notice shall not be a
15 bar to proceedings under this act, if it be shown
16 that the association, subscriber, or agent had
17 knowledge of the injury; and for any reasonable
18 cause shown, the industrial accident board may
19 allow compensation if the notice is filed within
20 one year after the injury.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.