

By Mr. Murphy of Brockton, petition of Paul Maurice Murphy and another relative to the illegal discontinuance of certain compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act. Labor and Industries.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ILLEGAL DISCONTINUANCE OF CERTAIN COMPENSATION 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 Chapter 152 of the General Laws is hereby amended by add-  
2 ing after section 29 the following two sections:—

3 *Section 29A.* If after a hearing by a single member it has  
4 been determined that compensation or benefits have been il-  
5 legally discontinued by the insurer said insurer shall pay double  
6 compensation with regard to any benefits due under sections  
7 thirty-four, thirty-four A, thirty-five and thirty-five A for that  
8 period that compensation was illegally discontinued.

9 *Section 29B.* When compensation shall have begun, unless  
10 otherwise agreed by the parties it shall be paid to the employee  
11 at regular intervals not more than seven days apart. In the  
12 event the insurer neglects or fails to make such payments as  
13 above designated, the chairman of the industrial accident board  
14 shall have power to bring complaints against said insurer in-  
15 cluding the president and treasurer of a corporation for violation  
16 of the provisions of this section, and to prosecute the same, and  
17 for such purposes may designate one or more inspectors, in-  
18 vestigators or other persons in his employ as he may deem  
19 necessary to make and prosecute such complaint.

20 Such complaints shall be brought into the district court in  
21 which the employee lives or in a judicial district in the same  
22 county or adjacent thereto.

23 In the event the insurer is found guilty he shall be punished  
24 by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.

