

By Mr. Engdahl of Worcester, petition of the Mass. State Labor Council and Charles F. Engdahl relative to reducing the waiting period under the Workmen's Compensation Act. Commerce and Labor.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Six

AN ACT TO REDUCE THE WAITING PERIOD 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 striking  
2 out the word "five" in the first sentence of section 29 thereof and  
3 inserting the words "three" in its place, and by striking out the  
4 word "six" in the second sentence of said section and inserting the  
5 word "four" in its place, so that the said sentences will read:—  
6 "No compensation shall be paid for any injury which does not  
7 incapacitate the employee from earning full wages for a period of  
8 at least three days. If incapacity extends for a period of four days  
9 or more, compensation shall be paid from the date of injury;  
10 provided that, except under section 35, no compensation shall be  
11 paid for any period for which any wages were earned.

