

By Mr. Wetherbee of Pepperell, petition of Bruce E. Wetherbee for the establishment of a registry of volunteers in state service and providing for medical coverage for such state volunteers under the workmen's compensation law. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION/MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN STATE VOLUNTEERS.

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 1 of chapter 152, as most recently
2 amended by chapter 374 of the acts of 1972, is hereby further
3 amended by adding the following subparagraph (9):

4 (9) "Volunteer", a person registered with the registry of
5 volunteers in state service established under section thirty E of this
6 chapter.

1 SECTION 2. Said Chapter 152 is hereby further amended by
2 inserting after section thirty D the following new section thirty E:

3 *Section 30E.* There shall be established within the executive
4 office of communities and development a "Registry of Volunteers
5 in State Service" subject to rules and regulations prescribed by said
6 executive office of communities and development, and only
7 persons so registered shall be considered as volunteers for the
8 purpose of benefits under Section Thirty.

1 SECTION 3. Said chapter 152 is hereby further amended by
2 adding the following new section thirty F after section thirty E:

3 *Section 30F.* The Commonwealth shall furnish to any volunteer
4 who suffers a personal injury arising out of his or her volunteer
5 duty and which would have been compensable under section
6 twenty-six of this chapter if such volunteer had been an employee
7 of the commonwealth, adequate and reasonable medical and
8 hospital services and other benefits as provided under section
9 thirty of this chapter.

