

By Mr. Monahan of Beverly, petition of F. John Monahan and others relative to the re-employment of certain injured workers. Commerce and Labor.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RE-EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN INJURED WORKERS.

*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 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 out section 51B and inserting in place thereof the following sec-  
3 tion:—

4 *Section 51B.* An injured worker who has received workmen's  
5 compensation under chapter one hundred and fifty-two shall be  
6 re-employed by the employer for whom he worked at the time of  
7 his injury provided, that the available employment is suitable for  
8 the mental and physical well-being of the worker and is within his  
9 qualifications, as shall be determined by the department in the  
10 event of a dispute between the employee and the employer. An  
11 employer who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of  
12 not more than five hundred dollars.

