

SENATE No. 915

By Mr. Wetmore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 915) of Robert D. Wetmore and William P. Koughan for legislation to direct insurers to make payments on hospital and surgical expense and accident and sickness expense coverage within fifteen days of receipt of proof of claim and to pay interest thereafter. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT DIRECTING INSURERS TO MAKE PAYMENTS ON HOSPITAL AND SURGICAL EXPENSE AND ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS EXPENSE COVERAGE WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS OF RECEIPT OF PROOFS OF CLAIM AND TO PAY INTEREST THEREAFTER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regu-
2 lation to the contrary, all insurers contracting to make pay-
3 ments of hospital, surgical, accident and sickness expense
4 claims of an insured shall make such payments within fifteen
5 days of receipt of the insured's proof of claim. Failure to
6 make payments within said period shall cause an accrual of
7 eighteen per cent interest per annum to be added to the
8 amount of each claim until paid.

