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Accompanying the petition of John J. Heffernan for an increase in the maximum and minimum compensation paid to injured employees under the workmen's compensation laws. Joint Judiciary. January 12.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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### AN ACT

To increase the Maximum and Minimum Workmen's Compensation paid to Injured Employees.

*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 thirty-four of chapter one hun-  
2 dred and fifty-two of the General Laws is hereby amended  
3 by striking out, in the fourth line, the word "sixteen",  
4 and inserting in place thereof the word: — eighteen, —  
5 and by striking out in the same line the word "seven",  
6 — and inserting in place thereof the word: — ten, — and  
7 by striking out, in the sixth line, the word "four", and  
8 inserting in place thereof the word: — five, so as to read  
9 as follows: — *Section 34.* While the incapacity for work  
10 resulting from the injury is total, the insurer shall pay  
11 the injured employee a weekly compensation equal to

12 two thirds of his average weekly wages, but no more than  
13 eighteen dollars nor less than ten dollars a week, and the  
14 period covered by such compensation shall not be greater  
15 than five hundred weeks nor the amount more than five  
16 thousand dollars.

1 SECTION 2. Section thirty-five of chapter one hundred  
2 and fifty-two is hereby amended by striking out, in the  
3 fifth line, the word "sixteen", and inserting in place  
4 thereof the word:— eighteen, — and by striking out in  
5 the sixth line, the word "five", — so as to read as  
6 follows:— *Section 35.* While the incapacity for work  
7 resulting from the injury is partial, the insurer shall pay  
8 the injured employee a weekly compensation equal to  
9 two thirds of the difference between his average weekly  
10 wages before the injury and the average weekly wages  
11 which he is able to earn thereafter, but not more than  
12 twenty dollars a week; and the amount of such compen-  
13 sation shall not be more than five thousand dollars.



