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By Mr. McLaughlin of Lowell, petition of Hubert L. McLaughlin relative to the time at which compensation shall begin to be paid to employees injured in industrial accidents. Labor and Industries.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TIME AT WHICH COMPENSATION SHALL BEGIN TO BE PAID UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW.

*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 one hundred and fifty-two of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
3 twenty-nine, as amended by chapter three hundred  
4 and eighty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and  
5 thirty-seven, and inserting in place thereof the fol-  
6 lowing: —

7 *Section 29.* No compensation shall be paid for any  
8 injury which does not incapacitate the employee for a  
9 period of at least seven days from earning full wages,  
10 but if incapacity extends beyond such period, compen-  
11 sation shall be paid from the day of injury, but except  
12 under section thirty-five no compensation shall be  
13 paid for any period for which any wages were earned.  
14 When compensation shall have begun it shall not be  
15 discontinued except with the written assent of the

16 employee, or with the approval of the department or a  
17 member thereof, granted only after an impartial  
18 examination or after a personal interview with the  
19 employee by a member or employee of the department  
20 or after failure of the employee to report for or sub-  
21 mit to such examination or interview after reasonable  
22 notice by the department; provided, that such com-  
23 pensation shall be paid in accordance with section  
24 thirty-five if the employee in fact earns wages after  
25 the original agreement or decision is filed.