

By Mr. Patrone of Boston, petition of the Mass. State Labor Council, AFL:CIO and Charles L. Patrone for legislation to protect the rights of injured employees under the workmen's compensation law. Labor and Industries.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF INJURED EMPLOYEES 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 152 of the General Laws is hereby amended by add-  
2 ing the following two new sections, 7C and 7D.

3 *Section 7C.* If, within thirty days from the date of injury or  
4 notice to the employer, insurer or self-insurer thereof (whichever  
5 comes later), compensation under section thirty-one, thirty-  
6 three, thirty-four, thirty-four A, thirty-five or thirty-five A of  
7 this chapter has not been paid, and subsequently the insurer or  
8 self-insurer either voluntarily or pursuant to an order of the  
9 board, is required to pay such compensation, or where com-  
10 pensation has been unlawfully discontinued, an amount equal  
11 to twenty per cent of such compensation due on the date of  
12 voluntary payment or on the date of the board's determina-  
13 tion shall be added to the total compensation due and shall  
14 become immediately payable.

15 *Section 7D.* In any proceeding to establish an injured em-  
16 ployee's right to compensation under section thirty-one, thirty-  
17 three, thirty-four, thirty-four A, thirty-five or thirty-five A of  
18 this chapter, where the employee prevails, there shall be awarded  
19 an amount in addition to compensation due under said sections  
20 and under section seven C above, sufficient to compensate the  
21 employee for the reasonable costs of such proceeding, including  
22 reasonable attorney's fees. Such sum for attorney's fees shall  
23 be paid in a lump sum directly to the attorney. There shall be  
24 further assessed against such insurer or self-insurer, as costs of  
25 said claim, reasonable fees and mileages for witnesses attending  
26 the hearing at the instance of the employee.

The Commission of Enquiry

Report of the Commission of Enquiry

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