

SENATE No. 446

By Mr. Kelly, a petition of James A. Kelly, Jr., and the Mass. State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, by James A. Broyer, director, for legislation to adjust benefit rates under workmen's compensation. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

**AN ACT TO ADJUST BENEFIT RATES UNDER WORKMEN'S
COMPENSATION.**

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

- 1 General Laws, Chapter 152 is hereby amended by the inser-
- 2 tion of the following new section 76: —
- 3 The life actuary in the division of insurance, beginning in
- 4 the year nineteen hundred and seventy shall annually in the
- 5 month of January, determine the percentum change in the
- 6 cost of living for the previous year as shown by the United
- 7 States Consumer Price Index for each year as compared with
- 8 the last previous year, and whenever such determination indi-
- 9 cates an upward change of at least one percentum, a corres-
- 10 ponding percentum increase shall be made in the amount of
- 11 any payment due under any section of the chapter on and
- 12 after January first of that year for any compensable injury
- 13 occurring on or after January 1, 1969.

BEFORE ME, a Justice of the Peace for the County of ... State of ... on this ... day of ... 19... I have seen the within and certified that it is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in my records.

The Unconstitutionality of the ...

In the Year One thousand nine hundred and ...

ALL ACTS TO AMEND ...

COMPARISON

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

1. General laws, Chapter 122 is hereby amended by the insertion of the following new section: 71:—
2. The life annuity in the division of insurance, beginning in the year thousand hundred and seventy shall annually in the month of January, determine the percentage change in the cost of living for the previous year as shown by the United States Consumer Price Index for each year as computed with the last previous year, and whenever such determination indicates an upward change of at least one percentage, a corresponding percentage increase shall be made in the amount of any payment due under any section of the chapter on and after January first of that year for any compensable injury occurring on or after January 1, 1969.