

# SENATE . . . . . No. 131

---

---

By Mr. Harmon, a petition of the Mass. State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, by James A. Broyer, director, for legislation to reduce the waiting period in workmen's compensation. Commerce and Labor.

---

---

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

---

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

---

### AN ACT TO REDUCE THE WAITING PERIOD IN 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 Section 29 of chapter 152 of the General Laws is amended  
2 by striking out the first two sentences of said section and in-  
3 serting the following two new sentences in place thereof: —  
4 *Section 29.* WAITING PERIOD — No compensation shall be paid  
5 for any injury which does not incapacitate the employee from  
6 earning full wages for a period of at least two days. If inca-  
7 pacity extends for a period of three days or more, compensation  
8 shall be paid from the date of injury; provided, that except  
9 under section thirty-five, no compensation shall be paid for  
10 any period for which any wages were earned.

The Senate has passed a bill to amend the law relating to the compensation of the members of the Senate and the judges of the Supreme Court, and to provide for the election of the members of the Senate and the judges of the Supreme Court.

### The Compensation of Members

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty

AN ACT TO AMEND THE WAITING PERIOD IN  
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Assembly  
last assembled, and by the authority of the people, as follows:

Section 29 of chapter 132 of the General Laws is amended  
by striking out the first two sentences of said section and in-  
serting the following two new sentences in their stead:—

Section 29. Waiting period.—Two consecutive days shall be paid  
for any injury which has not incapacitated the employee from  
earning full wages for a period of at least two days. If there  
is a period for a period in which he is unable to work, compensation  
shall be paid from the date of injury provided that compensation  
is not within thirty-day compensation shall be paid for  
any period for which any wages were earned.