

SENATE No. 108

By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 108) of Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., for legislation to double workmen's compensation payments due to an injured employee from an insurer when the claim therefor warranted immediate acceptance. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-one.

AN ACT DOUBLING WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION PAYMENTS DUE TO AN INJURED EMPLOYEE FROM AN INSURER WHEN THE CLAIM THEREFOR WARRANTED IMMEDIATE ACCEPTANCE.

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

1 Whenever compensation is not paid within sixty days of
2 notice to the insurer that compensation is claimed to be due
3 an injured employee or his dependents, where the injury for
4 which the compensation is claimed was caused under circum-
5 stances which allow no likelihood that legal liability has been
6 thus created in any person other than the insurer, and the
7 insurer denies or delays payment of compensation, the em-
8 ployee shall be entitled to double the payment due him from
9 the insurer as compensation under this chapter from the time
10 of the injury for which compensation is payable.

