

By Mr. Murphy of Brockton, petition of Bernard Cohen and Paul Maurice Murphy for increasing the total amount that injured employees may receive as weekly compensation under workmen's compensation. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT INCREASING THE TOTAL AMOUNT THAT AN INJURED EMPLOYEE MAY RECEIVE AS WEEKLY COMPENSATION 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 Chapter 152 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 34, as most recently amended by chapter
3 482 of the acts of 1967, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following section:—

5 *Section 34.* While the incapacity for work resulting from
6 the injury is total, the insurer shall pay the injured employee
7 a weekly compensation equal to two thirds of his average
8 weekly wages, but not more than sixty-five dollars nor less
9 than twenty dollars a week, unless the weekly wages of the
10 injured employees are less than twenty dollars, in which
11 case said weekly compensation shall be equal to his average
12 weekly wages, but not less than ten dollars where the number
13 of normal working hours of the injured employee in a week
14 are fifteen or more; provided, that the amount does not
15 exceed eighteen thousand dollars, except that if the injured
16 employee has received compensation for the same injury
17 under section thirty-five the combined amount of compen-
18 sation payable under this section and section thirty-five shall
19 not exceed the maximum amount as set forth in section
20 thirty-five.

