

HOUSE . . . . . No. 3676

By Mr. Vigneau of Burlington, petition of Robert A. Vigneau and another that paraplegics and other permanently handicapped employees be given the benefits of subsequent increases in weekly payments under the workmen's compensation law. Commerce and Labor.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT TO GIVE PARAPLEGICS AND OTHER PERMANENTLY HANDICAPPED EMPLOYEES, WHETHER TOTALLY OR PARTIALLY INCAPACITATED, THE BENEFITS OF SUBSEQUENT INCREASES IN WEEKLY PAYMENTS.

*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, as amended, is hereby fur-  
2 ther amended by adding the following new section 34D:—

3 *Section 34D.* All paraplegics and other permanently handi-  
4 capped employees, hereafter found by decision, or agreed by  
5 the insurer and employee, to have a permanent and total in-  
6 capacity under section thirty-four A, or a permanent and par-  
7 tial incapacity under section thirty-four B, shall have the benefit  
8 of all future increases in weekly compensation enacted by the  
9 legislature, and such weekly benefits shall be based, at the em-  
10 ployee's election, upon his original wage or upon what his wage  
11 reasonably would have been had he not received his injury.

12 Evidence of the increases in the area rates established by the  
13 Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of  
14 Labor from the date of injury onwards for the same or similar  
15 classifications may be used to establish what his wage reasonably  
16 would have been had he not received the injury.

17 The above increases in benefits shall take effect upon the  
18 effective date of this act, and temporarily be chargeable to the  
19 fund set up under section sixty-five N; and for injuries occur-  
20 ring after the passage of this act, the increases shall be charge-  
21 able to the insurer involved.

IN SENATE, January 11, 1906.

The Government of Massachusetts

In the year 1905 the following was reported:

IN SENATE, January 11, 1906.

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in

- 1 Chapter 122 of the General Laws, as amended, is hereby
- 2 amended by adding the following new section:
- 3 Section 122. All corporations and other persons, firms and
- 4 corporations, including those organized or owned by
- 5 the State and organized, to be a corporation and to be
- 6 organized under the laws of this State, shall have the
- 7 following powers and duties:—
- 8 (a) To acquire, hold, sell, lease, mortgage, convey, and
- 9 otherwise dispose of real and personal property, and to
- 10 lease, mortgage, convey, and otherwise dispose of the same.
- 11 (b) To sue and be sued, and to defend in any court of law
- 12 (c) To employ and discharge any number of persons, and to
- 13 (d) To make, alter, amend, and repeal its by-laws, and to
- 14 (e) To make, alter, amend, and repeal its articles of incorporation.
- 15 (f) To make, alter, amend, and repeal its charter, and to
- 16 (g) To make, alter, amend, and repeal its regulations, and to
- 17 (h) To make, alter, amend, and repeal its rules, and to
- 18 (i) To make, alter, amend, and repeal its orders, and to
- 19 (j) To make, alter, amend, and repeal its resolutions, and to
- 20 (k) To make, alter, amend, and repeal its motions, and to
- 21 (l) To make, alter, amend, and repeal its petitions, and to
- 22 (m) To make, alter, amend, and repeal its applications, and to