

HOUSE No. 2375

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 27, 1950.

The Committee on Labor and Industries, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1268) of the Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council that telephone company employees be placed under the protection of the Workmen's Compensation Act, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1295) of the Massachusetts Association of Plaintiffs' Compensation Attorneys for providing workmen's compensation to farm laborers and domestic servants for injuries arising out of and during their employment, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1678) of Eugene H. Giroux relative to defining further the term "employee" within the meaning of the workmen's compensation law, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2375).

For the committee,

GERALD P. LOMBARD.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION WITHIN THE PROVISIONS OF THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW OF FARM LABORERS, DOMESTIC SERVANTS AND PERSONS EMPLOYED BY TELEPHONE COMPANIES SUBJECT TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS ACT.

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 1. The second subparagraph of paragraph
2 (4) of section 1 of chapter 152 of the General Laws, as
3 appearing in chapter 369 of the acts of 1945, is hereby
4 amended by striking out, in lines 3 to 5, the words
5 "or persons employed as domestic servants and farm
6 laborers, persons employed by telephone companies
7 subject to the federal communications act," — so as
8 to read as follows: — The provisions of this chapter
9 shall remain elective as to the employers of the follow-
10 ing: — three or less persons, and persons other than
11 laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by reli-
12 gious, charitable or educational institutions.

1 SECTION 2. Section 67 of said chapter 152, as
2 amended by section 10 of chapter 529 of the acts of
3 1943, is hereby further amended by striking out, in
4 lines 1 to 3, the words "to actions to recover damages

5 for personal injuries sustained by domestic servants
6 and farm laborers, nor," — so that the first paragraph
7 will read as follows: — Section sixty-six shall not apply
8 to actions for such injuries received by employees of
9 an insured person or a self-insurer.

- 5 for personal injuries sustained in domestic accidents
- 6 and fatal diseases, and, so that the first provision
- 7 will read as follows: "Section 202 shall not apply
- 8 to actions for such injuries, and that the provisions of
- 9 an amended section in a self-insurance.