

By Mr. Craven of Boston, petition of James J. Craven, Jr., and another relative to notice of non-renewal relative to workmen's compensation liability insurance. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO NOTICE OF NON-RENEWAL WITH RESPECT TO WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LIABILITY INSURANCE.

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 inserting
2 after section 65O the following section: —

3 *Section 65P.* Any company which does not intend to issue,
4 extend or renew a workmen's compensation liability policy in
5 favor of the insured or the principal named in an existing policy
6 issued or executed by it shall, if said policy is in full force and effect
7 forty-five days prior to the termination date of the policy, give
8 written notice of its said intent on or before the aforesaid forty-fifth
9 day as hereinafter provided. Such notice shall, except as herein-
10 after provided, be sent either to said insured or principal or to the
11 insurance agent of the company or the insurance broker who
12 negotiated the issue of the policy. If when said notice is to be sent
13 any such insurance agent is not then so licensed, the company shall
14 send such notice to said insured or principal. Such notice shall be in
15 form satisfactory to the Commissioner.

16 Every such insurance agent or broker receiving such a notice
17 from a copy shall within fifteen days of its receipt, send a copy of
18 such notice to the insured or the principal, unless another company
19 has executed a policy encompassing the same coverage as specified
20 in the existing policy.

21 If the commissioner is satisfied that an insurance agent or broker
22 has failed to send a copy of the notice as hereinbefore provided he
23 may revoke any license issued to such agent or broker under

24 section one hundred and sixty-three and section one hundred and
25 sixty-six.

26 Any company failing to send a notice as hereinbefore provided
27 shall upon the request of such insured or principal issue a new
28 policy covering said insured or principal subject, however, to the
29 right of such company to cancel such policy or bond in accordance
30 with its terms.