

By Mr. Rodrigues of Westport, petition of Michael J. Rodrigues, John A. Lepper and Robert M. Koczera for legislation to exempt corporate officers from workers' compensation coverage. Commerce and Labor.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING CORPORATE OFFICERS FROM WORKERS' 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 Subsection (4) of section 1 of Chapter 152 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 inserting after the third paragraph the following new paragraph:—  
4 The provisions of this chapter shall be elective for an officer or  
5 director of a corporation who owns 25% of the issued and out-  
6 standing stock of said corporation. Notwithstanding the provisions  
7 of section 46 of this chapter, these provisions shall apply only if  
8 said corporate officer provides the Commissioner of the  
9 Department of Industrial Accidents with a written waiver of his  
10 rights under this chapter. The Commissioner of the Department of  
11 Industrial Accidents shall promulgate regulations to carry out the  
12 purpose of this subsection. Violations of the terms of these provi-  
13 sions in any way shall subject said corporation to the penalties set  
14 forth under section 25C of this chapter.

