

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, petition of Antonio F. D. Cabral, Thomas P. Kennedy, Benjamin Swan, Mary Jeanette Murray, Bruce E. Tarr and Philip Travis that administrative law judges in workers' compensation cases be subject to the Code of Judicial Conduct, 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 THAT ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASES BE SUBJECT TO THE CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT.

*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 8 of chapter 23E of the General Laws, as appearing in
- 2 the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the
- 3 first paragraph, the following paragraph:—
- 4 The senior judge, board members and reviewing board mem-
- 5 bers shall all be subject to the Code of Judicial Conduct, as pro-
- 6 mulgated by the Supreme Judicial Court, in the performance of
- 7 their official duties. Complaints alleging grounds for removal
- 8 under this section or alleging violation of said Code of Judicial
- 9 Conduct may be initiated by any person affected by the exercise
- 10 of officials duties by commissioner shall provide an expeditious
- 11 procedure for the fair disposition of said complaints, and may rec-
- 12 ommend appropriate action by the governor with respect thereto.

