

HOUSE No. 4459

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 22, 2004.

The committee on Commerce and Labor, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2198) of Michael J. Rodrigues relative to worker's compensation coverage for corporate officers, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4459) ought to pass.

For the committee,

MICHAEL J. RODRIGUES.

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In the Year Two Thousand and Four.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO 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 2000 Official Edition, and as recently amended
3 by Chapter 169 of the Acts of 2002, is hereby further amended by
4 inserting after the third sentence of the fourth paragraph the
5 following sentence:—

6 A corporate officer or director's waiver of his rights under this
7 chapter, as set forth in this section, shall not preserve any right
8 created by statute, at common law, or under the law of any other
9 jurisdiction for himself, his spouse, children, parents and any
10 other member of his family or next of kin who is wholly or partly
11 dependent upon the earnings of the corporate officer or director,
12 against his employer or his employer's workers' compensation
13 insurer, for any damage or loss that is a result of any injury to the
14 corporate officer or director that would be compensable under this
15 chapter but for the waiver made under this section.