

SENATE . . . . No. 477

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To accompany the petition of J. Arthur Sheehan and Maurice M. Lyons that provision be made for an increase in the membership of the Industrial Accident Board. State Administration.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE INDUSTRIAL  
ACCIDENT BOARD.

1    *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would  
2 tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for  
3 an early determination of industrial accident claims  
4 and payment of compensation, therefore it is hereby  
5 declared to be an emergency law necessary for the im-  
6 mediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 24 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by striking out section 2, as most recently amended  
3 by chapter 712 of the acts of 1950, and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following section: —

5    *Section 2.* The industrial accident board shall con-  
6 sist of eleven members, one of whom shall be a woman,  
7 at such salaries, not exceeding eight thousand dollars

8 each, as the governor and council determine, except  
9 that the chairman, who shall be designated by the  
10 governor, shall receive such salary, not exceeding nine  
11 thousand dollars, as the governor and council deter-  
12 mine. Upon the expiration of the term of office of  
13 a member, his successor shall be appointed for five  
14 years by the governor, with the advice and consent  
15 of the council. The members shall devote their whole  
16 time in business hours to the work of the board.