

By Mr. Demers of Chicopee, petition of Richard H. Demers and Andrew S. Natsios that provision be made for a trial period of work under the workmen's compensation law. Commerce and Labor.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF WORK UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

*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 1. Chapter 152 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:—

3 *Section 34B. Trial period of work.*

4 Where an injured employee who has been receiving compensa-  
5 tion under Section 34 for a consecutive period of at least fifty-two  
6 weeks returns to remunerative work, the weekly compensation  
7 under Section 34 shall be continued for twenty-one weeks. After  
8 the expiration of such period of twenty-one weeks, if the incapacity  
9 for work resulting from the injury is total or partial, the insurer  
10 shall pay the injured employee the weekly compensation as  
11 provided in either section thirty-four, thirty-four A, or thirty-five  
12 of this chapter.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 152 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by adding the words "section thirty-four B or" to Section  
3 29 thereof after the word "under" in the second sentence of said  
4 section so that the second sentence of Section 29 shall read:—

5 If incapacity extends for a period of six days or more,  
6 compensation shall be paid from the day of injury, provided, that,  
7 except under section thirty-four B or section thirty-five, no  
8 compensation shall be paid for any period for which wages were  
9 earned.

