

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1621**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Sean Garballey and Claire D. Cronin*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing benefits for permanent functional loss and disfigurement under the Worker's Compensation Act.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>

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By Representatives Garballey of Arlington and Cronin of Easton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1621) of Sean Garballey and others relative to benefits for permanent functional loss and disfigurement under the Workers' Compensation Act. Labor and Workforce Development.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act providing benefits for permanent functional loss and disfigurement under the Worker'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 36(k) of chapter 152 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
2 striking out, in line 3, the words "fifteen thousand dollars" and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following words:- 30 times the average weekly wage in the commonwealth as determined  
4 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29 of chapter 151A. and by striking out in lines 4-6 the  
5 words "No amount shall be payable under this section for disfigurement that is purely scar-  
6 based, unless such disfigurement is on the face, neck or hands."