

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1880**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sean Garballey***

*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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>

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By Representative Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1880) of Sean Garballey relative to benefits for permanent functional loss and disfigurement under the Workers' Compensation Act. Labor and Workforce Development.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1975 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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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."