

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1897**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Christopher Hendricks***

*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 relative to fairness in worker’s compensation disfigurement benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/5/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>

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By Representative Hendricks of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1897) of Christopher Hendricks and Brian W. Murray for legislation relative to fairness in workers' compensation disfigurement benefits. Labor and Workforce Development.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1991 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 relative to fairness in worker’s compensation disfigurement benefits.

*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 appearing in the 2014 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the words "fifteen thousand dollars" and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following words: 30 times the average weekly wage in the  
4 Commonwealth as determined pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29 of chapter 151A and by  
5 striking out in lines 4-6 the words “No amount shall be payable under this section for  
6 disfigurement that is purely scar-based, unless such disfigurement is on the face, neck or hands.”