

HOUSE No. 2053

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul F. Tucker

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 workers' compensation disfigurement benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

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By Mr. Tucker of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2053) of Paul F. Tucker and others relative to fairness in workers' compensation disfigurement benefits. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to fairness in workers' 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 1. Section 36(k) of chapter 152 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the following words "fifteen thousand
3 dollars" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "not to exceed a sum equal to the
4 average wage in the commonwealth on the date of the injury multiplied by thirty, as determined
5 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29 of chapter 151A"

6 and by striking out the following words:- "No amount shall be payable under this section
7 for disfigurement that is purely scar-based, unless such disfigurement is on the face, neck, or
8 hands."