

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1863**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act relative to the penalty for failure to timely report injuries under the workers' 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. Section 6 of Chapter 152 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the last paragraph and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following:-

4           Any employer who fails to furnish timely notice of injury as prescribed in this section  
5 shall be punished by a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars when said notice is filed at least one  
6 but not more than thirty calendar days late. Any employer who fails to furnish timely notice of  
7 injury as prescribed in this section shall be punished by a fine of five hundred dollars when said  
8 notice is filed at least thirty-one but not more than ninety calendar days late. Any employer who  
9 fails to furnish timely notice of injury as prescribed in this section shall be punished by a fine of  
10 twenty-five hundred dollars when said notice is filed more than ninety calendar days late. Each  
11 failure to pay a fine within thirty calendar days of receipt of a bill from the department shall be  
12 punished by an additional fine of two hundred and fifty dollars. The Commissioner shall

- 13 establish procedures for the review and adjudication of grievances by employers with respect to
- 14 the assessment of a fine imposed under this section.