

**SENATE . . . . . No. 705**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act clarifying a definition in workman's compensation proceedings..

*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 1 of Chapter 152 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 161 by inserting after the definition of the term  
3 “Reviewing board” the following new definition:- “Proceeding” includes conciliations,  
4 conferences, hearings and presentations to appellate courts. “Proceedings” shall also include any  
5 action or actions by a party, including attorneys and medical experts acting on behalf of a party,  
6 at any time during and after the filing of the claim up to the time that the case is resolved and the  
7 employees is not receiving any benefits pursuant to chapter 152 and there is no action pending  
8 before the Department or any appellate court.”