

HOUSE No. 1707

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:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Daniel A. Wolf</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>

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By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1707) of Sean Garballey and others relative to benefits for permanent functional loss and disfigurement under the workers' compensation law. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

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."