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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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SENATE, Thursday, October 15, 2015

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Senate Bill relative to fairness in worker's compensation disfigurement benefits (Senate, No. 968) [also based on House, No. 1707],-- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2033).

For the committee,  
Karen E. Spilka

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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 1. Section 36 of chapter 152 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 78, the words "fifteen thousand  
3 dollars" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 22.5 times the average weekly wage  
4 in the commonwealth as determined pursuant to subsection (a) of section 29 of chapter 151A.

5           SECTION 2. Subsection (k) of said section 36 of said chapter 152, as so appearing, is  
6 hereby amended by striking out the last sentence.

7           SECTION 3. The changes to subsection (k) of section 36 of chapter 152 of the General  
8 Laws relative to the maximum recovery allowed and the nature of the bodily disfigurement shall  
9 apply to claims filed under said subsection (k) of said section 36 of said chapter 152 on or after  
10 the effective date of this act.