

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1621**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Sean Garballey and Claire D. Cronin*

*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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/14/2019</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/14/2019</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Representatives Garballey of Arlington and Cronin of Easton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1621) of Sean Garballey, Claire D. Cronin and others relative to benefits for permanent functional loss and disfigurement under the Workers' Compensation Act. Labor and Workforce Development.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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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."