

HOUSE No. 4026

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 5, 2019.

The committee on Labor and Workforce Development to whom were referred the 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, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1636) of Christopher Hendricks and others for legislation relative to fairness in worker's compensation disfigurement benefits, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4026) ought to pass.

For the committee,

PAUL BRODEUR.

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

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 1. Section 36 of chapter 152 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 78, in subsection (k), the words
3 "fifteen thousand dollars" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- 30 times the
4 average weekly wage in the commonwealth as determined pursuant to subsection (a) of section
5 29 of chapter 151A and by striking out in lines 79-81 the words "No amount shall be payable
6 under this section for disfigurement that is purely scar-based, unless such disfigurement is on the
7 face, neck or hands."