HOUSE No. 1907

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 relative to workers' compensation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex	1/19/2023
Nicholas A. Boldyga	3rd Hampden	1/26/2023
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth	1/26/2023
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol	1/26/2023
Lenny Mirra	2nd Essex	1/26/2023
Marcus S. Vaughn	9th Norfolk	1/27/2023
Kimberly N. Ferguson	1st Worcester	1/31/2023
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester	1/31/2023

FILED ON: 1/19/2023

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1907) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to the forfeiture of workers' compensation. Labor and Workforce Development.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court (2023-2024)

An Act relative to workers' compensation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 45 of chapter 152 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'forfeited' in line 13 the following
- 3 sentence: -

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5 "If, as a result of the examination, the registered physician determines that the employee

- is fit to return to work and the employee refuses to return to work, his right to compensation shall
- 7 be suspended, and his compensation during the period of suspension may be forfeited."