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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Bradley H. Jones, Jr., George N. Peterson, Jr.**

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to fairness in workers' compensation benefits.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to fairness in workers' compensation benefits.

*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. Chapter 152 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 27 in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:—

Section 27. If the employee is injured by reason of his serious willful misconduct, including intoxication or unlawful use of a controlled substance, as defined in section 1 of chapter 94C, he shall not receive any portion of the compensation benefit; provided, that this provision shall not bar compensation or benefits to his or her dependents if the injury results in death.