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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Morrissey, Michael (SEN)**

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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 clarifying the term proceedings for Department of Industrial Accident claims.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Morrissey, Michael (SEN) | Norfolk and Plymouth |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01081 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act clarifying the term proceedings for Department of Industrial Accident claims.

 *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 14 of Chapter 152 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended in subsection 2 in line 46 by inserting after at the end thereof the following new sentence:- “The word ”proceeding” in this paragraph shall be defined as including all actions of a party, including attorneys and medical experts acting on behalf of a party, that occur from the time that the claim is filed until the employee’s claim is resolved and the employee is not receiving any benefits pursuant to chapter 152 and there is no action pending before the Department or any appellate court.”