

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Morrissey, Michael (SEN)

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 a definition in workman's compensation proceedings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01080 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT CLARIFYING A DEFINITION IN WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION PROCEEDINGS.

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 1 of Chapter 152 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 161 by inserting after the definition of the term
3 “Reviewing board” the following new definition:- “Proceeding” includes conciliations,
4 conferences, hearings and presentations to appellate courts. “Proceedings” shall also include any
5 action or actions by a party, including attorneys and medical experts acting on behalf of a party,
6 at any time during and after the filing of the claim up to the time that the case is resolved and the
7 employees is not receiving any benefits pursuant to chapter 152 and there is no action pending
8 before the Department or any appellate court.”