



# *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

## *Department of Industrial Accidents*

*State House, Boston 33*

WHEN REPLYING  
PLEASE QUOTE I.A.B  
FILE NO.  
ATTENTION OF:

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### CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 73

To: CHIEF UNDERWRITER OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION OF ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES TRANSACTING WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION, COMMISSIONERS IN COUNTIES, MAYORS AND BUSINESS MANAGERS IN CITIES, BOARDS OF SELECTMEN IN TOWNS AND TRUSTEES OF FIRE, WATER AND HOSPITAL DISTRICTS WHICH HAVE ACCEPTED THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

The attention of all authorities to whom this circular letter is addressed is directed to the provisions of Chapter 610 of the Acts of 1951 and to the opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court filed April 27, 1950 in the case of Edwin Stoltz.

The Industrial Accident Board, acting administratively, interprets the provisions of Chapter 610 of the Acts of 1951 as now permitting a political sub-division of the Commonwealth which has accepted the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 152 (Workmen's Compensation) as to all or any of its employees, to insure a part of its insurable obligations with an insurer, but that any such insurance must be included under a single policy of Workmen's Compensation insurance issued by some company authorized to transact the business of Workmen's Compensation in this Commonwealth; that there may not be multiple policies of Workmen's Compensation purchased by any political sub-division to cover any or all of its insurable obligations (and to that extent the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court in Edwin Stoltz's case--opinion filed April 27, 1950 is still the law); that if a political sub-division shall

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insure part of its insurable obligations and later decides to insure further part it may do so simply by an endorsement or rider on the policy already in force, or, if desired, insure such insurable obligations under a single policy with some other company as the political sub-division may determine.

If a political sub-division shall insure part of its insurable obligations under the Workmen's Compensation Law, it must comply with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 152, Section 75, as amended, in appointing a workmen's compensation agent or agents for such part of its insurable obligations as it does not insure with an insurance company.

Very truly yours,

*Edward H. Boyle*

Secretary