



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Industrial Accidents

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ATTENTION OF:

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 203

TO: ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES, ALL SELF-INSURERS, AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENTS OF DEPARTMENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS, AND DISTRICTS SUBJECT TO THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW (GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 152, AS AMENDED).

RE: COMPENSATION RATE BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1979

Please be advised that the average weekly wage determined under sub-section (a) of Section 29 of Chapter 151 and promulgated by the Director of Employment Security is \$227.31.

Therefore, for injuries occurring on or after October 1, 1979 the maximum weekly incapacity compensation is two-thirds of the employee's average weekly wage but not more than \$227.31.

Your attention is invited to the fact that if the employee's weekly incapacity compensation rate is \$150.00 or more, then dependency compensation is not due. If the employee's weekly incapacity compensation is less than \$150.00, then dependency compensation under Section 35A is payable in the appropriate instances, but in no case shall the aggregate of the dependency compensation and the incapacity compensation exceed \$150.00 per week.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John J. Maloney".

John J. Maloney
Secretary

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