

SENATE No. 268

To accompany the petition of Dwight O'Hara that the Department of Labor and Industries be authorized to pay fees to physicians for certain medical reports to said department. Labor and Industries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Five.

An Act authorizing the Payment of Fees to Physicians for Certain Medical Reports to the Department of Labor and Industries and Appropriating Money Therefor.

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 eleven of chapter one hundred and forty-
2 nine of the General Laws is hereby amended by insert-
3 ing after the word "time" in the seventh line the fol-
4 lowing new sentence:— The department shall pay a
5 fee of fifty cents for each such report, — and by add-
6 ing at the end thereof the following:— No such
7 report shall be subject to summons nor shall its con-
8 tents be made public, — so as to read as follows:—
9 *Section 11.* The department may require every
10 physician treating a patient whom he believes to be
11 suffering from any ailment or disease contracted as a
12 result of the nature, circumstances or conditions of
13 the patient's employment to report information
14 relating thereto as it may require, within such time

15 as it may fix, and it may issue a list of such diseases
16 which shall be regularly reported upon by physicians,
17 and may add to or change such list at any time. The
18 department shall pay a fee of fifty cents for each such
19 report. Copies of all such reports and all statistics
20 and data compiled therefrom shall be kept by it, and
21 shall be furnished on request to the department of
22 industrial accidents and the department of public
23 health. No such report shall be subject to summons
24 nor shall its contents be made public.