

By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1121) of the Coalition of Public Safety, by Donald S. Johnson, secretary, and Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., for legislation relative to the indemnification of certain public employees. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Eight.

AN ACT RELATING TO LOSS OF PAY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law
2 to the contrary, the chairman of the alcoholics beverage control
3 commission shall, subject to appropriation, indemnify an
4 employee of said commission who holds the position of Special
5 Assistant, Chief Special Assistant or Supervising Special
6 Assistant, for expenses or damages sustained by him while
7 performing his duties; the director of the bureau of special
8 investigations of the executive office of administration and finance
9 shall, subject to appropriation, indemnify an employee of said
10 bureau who holds the position of Senior Special Investigator,
11 Special Investigator or Supervising Special Investigator, for
12 expenses or damages sustained by him while performing his
13 duties; the director of the division of law enforcement within the
14 department of fisheries, wildlife and environmental law
15 enforcement shall, subject to appropriation, indemnify an
16 employee of said division who holds the position of Environmen-
17 tal Police Officer I, Environmental Police Officer II and
18 Environmental Police Officer III, for expenses or damages
19 sustained by him while performing his duties; the chairman of the
20 department of public utilities shall, subject to appropriation
21 indemnify an employee of the commercial motor vehicle division
22 of said department who holds the position of public utilities

23 investigator I or public utilities investigator II, for expenses or
24 damages sustained by him while performing his duties; the
25 chairman of the parole board shall, subject to appropriation,
26 indemnify an employee of the parole board who holds the position
27 of parole officer I, parole officer II, parole officer III or parole
28 officer IV, for expenses or damages sustained by him while
29 performing his duties; and such damages shall include loss of pay
30 by reason of absence from duty on the part of such employee
31 because of temporary incapacity caused by injury suffered
32 through no fault of his own while in the actual performance of
33 duty; and, if such employee be dead, such expenses or damages
34 shall be payable to his widow, or, if he leaves no widow, then to
35 his next of kin, who, at the time of his death, were dependent upon
36 his salary for support. This section shall be construed to require
37 the chairman of the alcoholics beverages commission, the director
38 of the bureau of special investigations, the director of the division
39 of law enforcement, the chairman of the department of public
40 utilities and the chairman of the parole board to pay
41 compensation, in the manner herein provided, for damages for
42 personal injuries, whether or not death results; provided, however,
43 the amount of such compensation shall have been approved by
44 the attorney general.