

SENATE No. 54

To accompany the petition of Edward C. Peirce for the establishment of a State fund to provide for workmen's compensation insurance and compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Six.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE FUND FOR WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND COMPULSORY MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE.

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. There shall be in the department of
2 public works, but in no respect subject to the juris-
3 diction thereof, a commission to be known as the
4 State Fund Insurance Commission, in this and the
5 following sections referred to as the commission,
6 which shall be composed of three members who shall
7 be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice
8 and consent of the council. Upon the expiration of
9 the term of any member, his successor shall be ap-
10 pointed in like manner for a term of five years. Any
11 vacancy in the commission shall be filled by appoint-
12 ment in like manner. The governor shall designate
13 one member to serve as chairman of the commission.
14 Any member of the commission may be removed by

15 the governor, upon notice and hearing, for neglect of
16 duty or malfeasance in office, but for no other cause.
17 Each member of the commission shall receive a salary
18 of _____ dollars per year and shall devote his
19 entire time to the duties of his office.

1 SECTION 2. On January first, nineteen hundred
2 and forty-seven, there shall be established a state
3 insurance fund to consist of all premiums paid for the
4 purpose (1) of insuring employers against liability
5 for personal injuries, occupational disease, or death
6 sustained by their employees, and (2) for the purpose
7 of securing to persons suffering injuries or death from
8 the operation of a motor vehicle the benefits of the
9 compulsory automobile insurance law.

1 SECTION 3. Said fund shall consist of all moneys
2 paid to the commonwealth, or any board, department
3 or agency thereof, for premiums on bonds, certificates
4 or policies of any insurance made compulsory by
5 statute, including workmen's compensation and com-
6 pulsory motor vehicle liability insurance. Such fund
7 shall be under the control and supervision of the com-
8 mission and shall be disbursed only under the rules
9 and regulations provided for in section four.

1 SECTION 4. The state treasurer shall be, ex officio,
2 the treasurer and custodian of said fund; and all dis-
3 bursements therefrom shall be paid by him upon
4 vouchers duly drawn as the commission shall prescribe.
5 He shall have custody of all moneys, securities and
6 property belonging to the said fund and not other-
7 wise held, deposited or invested under this act.