

HOUSE No. 1280

By Mr. Wondolowski of Worcester, petition of Joseph P. Wondolowski, Stanislaus G. Wondolowski and another for an amendment of the workmen's compensation law to provide that insurers and self-insurers be charged for laboratory X-ray service and witness fees. Labor and Industries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW
BY PROVIDING THAT INSURERS AND SELF-INSURERS
SHALL BE CHARGED FOR LABORATORY, X-RAY SERVICE
AND WITNESS FEES.

*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. Chapter 152 of the General Laws shall
2 be amended by inserting after the word "reasonable"
3 in line 17 of section 30 the following sentence:— the
4 insurers shall pay the physicians for such medical
5 services within thirty days after the presentation of
6 the bill, for such services, to the insurer.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 152 of the General Laws shall
2 be further amended by the addition after section 30
3 of a new section, as follows:—
4 *Section 30A.* The reasonable cost of a physician's
5 services shall include a routine laboratory service fee

6 for such service which should be allowed to every
7 patient in order to honestly diagnose his injury, his
8 condition, and the effect of such condition upon the
9 injury. The reasonable cost of a physician's services
10 shall also include laboratory fees, X-ray fees, and court
11 witness fees for the time which the physician spent in
12 court.