

HOUSE No. 2332

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Kamens of Chelsea, for a Bill requiring the Metropolitan District Commission to reimburse metropolitan district police officers for injuries received by them in the line of duty and persons required to assist them (House, No. 2249). May 27.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO REIMBURSE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT POLICE OFFICERS FOR INJURIES RECEIVED BY THEM IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

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

1 Chapter 92 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 63 the following section:—
3 *Section 63A.* The metropolitan district commission
4 shall indemnify a metropolitan district police officer
5 out of the metropolitan parks or boulevard main-
6 tenance funds, to an amount not more than the amount
7 recommended by said commission, for expenses or
8 damages sustained by him while acting as a police
9 officer, or incurred by him in the defense or settlement
10 of an action brought against him while so acting, pro-
11 vided that the defense or settlement of such claim
12 shall have been made by the attorney general of the

13 commonwealth, and such damages shall include loss of
14 pay by reason of absence from duty on the part of
15 such officer because of temporary incapacity caused
16 by injury suffered through no fault of his own while in
17 the actual performance of duty; and, if such officer be
18 dead, such expenses or damages shall be payable to his
19 widow, or, if he leaves no widow, then to his next of
20 kin, who, at the time of death, were dependent upon
21 his salary for support. This section shall be construed
22 to require the commission to pay compensation in the
23 manner herein provided, for damages for personal in-
24 juries, whether or not death results, provided the
25 amount of such compensation shall have been approved
26 by the attorney general of the commonwealth.