

HOUSE No. 515

By Mr. Skerry of Medford, petition of Michael F. Skerry and another relative to medical panel examinations of applicants for retirement under the disability retirement law. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MEDICAL PANEL EXAMINATIONS.

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

1 Paragraph (c) of subdivision (3) of section 6 of chap-
2 ter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of
3 chapter 658 of the acts of 1945, is hereby amended by
4 striking out said paragraph and inserting in place
5 thereof the following:—

6 (c) The physicians composing any medical panel
7 shall conduct their examination of the member as a
8 panel and may obtain X-ray plates if in their judgment
9 such action is necessary to determine the cause, nature
10 and degree of disability of such member. They shall
11 report their findings and recommendations to the
12 board as soon as practicable after completing the ex-
13 amination of such member, and shall attach to their
14 findings a certificate that the examination was con-
15 ducted by all the members of the medical panel at
16 the same time and in the presence of each other and,

17 that the findings were arrived at independently of each
 18 other. All fees of physicians for service on any medical
 19 panel and all expenses of obtaining X-ray plates in
 20 connection with any such examination shall, upon
 21 approval by the board, be paid from the expense
 22 fund of the system; provided, that no such fees shall
 23 be paid unless the certificate provided herein has been
 24 filed.