

HOUSE No. 670

By Mr. Kimball of Springfield, petition of Philip K. Kimball for the appointment of psychiatrists in certain cases by judges of probate courts. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF PSYCHIATRISTS
IN CERTAIN CASES BY THE JUDGES OF THE PROBATE
COURT.

*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 215 of the General Laws is hereby amended
- 2 by adding after section 18 the following section:—
- 3 *Section 18A.* In any proceeding involving mental
- 4 capacity of an individual, judges of the probate court
- 5 may appoint a psychiatrist to examine said individual.
- 6 The compensation and expenses of such psychiatrist
- 7 shall be paid by the county upon the certificate of
- 8 the judge.

The Commission of Inquiry

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