

HOUSE No. 2934

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 33, June 9, 1955.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

I am enclosing herewith proposed legislation under the provisions of chapter 7, section 7, of the General Laws, "An Act Requiring the Commissioner of Public Works to Reimburse Public Works Building Police Officers for Injuries Received by them in the Line of Duty."

I would appreciate your filing this bill with the proper committee.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL A. SHERIDAN,
Commissioner of Administration.

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO REIMBURSE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING 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 16 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 4 the following sections: —

3 *Section 4A.* The commissioner may authorize the pay-
4 ment, out of the Highway Fund, of the reasonable hos-
5 pital, medical and surgical expenses of any member of
6 the public works building police disabled, either mentally
7 or physically, by injuries sustained through no fault of
8 his own in the actual performance of his duty, either
9 temporarily or permanently.

10 *Section 4B.* The commissioner shall, subject to appro-
11 priation, indemnify a public works building police officer,
12 to an amount not more than the amount recommended
13 by said commissioner, for expenses or damages sustained
14 by him while acting as a police officer, or incurred by
15 him in the defense or settlement of an action brought
16 against him for acts done by him while so acting; pro-
17 vided, that the defense or settlement of such claim shall
18 have been made by the attorney general; and such dam-
19 ages shall include loss of pay by reason of absence from
20 duty on the part of such officer because of temporary
21 incapacity caused by injury suffered through no fault of
22 his own while in the actual performance of duty; and,
23 if such officer be dead, such expenses or damages shall
24 be payable to his widow, or, if he leaves no widow, then
25 to his next of kin, who, at the time of his death, were
26 dependent upon his salary for support. This section

27 shall be construed to require the commissioner to pay
28 compensation, in the manner herein provided, for dam-
29 ages for personal injuries, whether or not death results;
30 provided, the amount of such compensation shall have
31 been approved by the attorney general.

