
By Mr. Cahoon of Harwich, petition of Joseph P. Greelish and Oscar J. Cahoon for payment of expenses of motor vehicle inspectors injured in the performance of duty. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENSES OF MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTORS INJURED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY AND INDEMNIFYING THEM FOR CERTAIN OTHER EXPENSES AND DAMAGES.

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 29 of chapter 90, as amended by chapter 15
2 of the acts of 1952, is hereby further amended by in-
3 serting after section 29 the following two sections:—
4 *Section 29A.* The registrar may authorize the pay-
5 ment, out of the Highway Fund, of the reasonable hos-
6 pital, medical and surgical expenses of any member of
7 the motor vehicle inspectors who is temporarily or
8 permanently disabled, either mentally or physically,
9 by reason of injuries sustained, through no fault of his
10 own in the actual performance of his duty.

11 *Section 29B.* The registrar shall, subject to appro-
12 priation, indemnify a motor vehicle inspector to an
13 amount not more than the amount recommended by
14 said registrar for expenses or damages sustained by
15 him while acting as a motor vehicle inspector, or in-
16 curred by him in the defence or settlement of an action
17 brought against him for acts done by him while so act-
18 ing; provided, that the defence or settlement of such
19 claim shall have been made by the attorney general;
20 and such damages shall include loss of pay by reason
21 of absence from duty on the part of such inspector

22 because of temporary incapacity caused by injury suf-
 23 fered through no fault of his own while in the actual
 24 performance of duty; and if such inspector be dead,
 25 such expenses or damages shall be payable to his widow,
 26 or if he leaves no widow, then to his next of kin, who,
 27 at the time of his death, were dependent upon his salary
 28 for support. This section shall be construed to require
 29 the registrar to pay compensation, in the manner herein
 30 provided, for damages for personal injuries, whether
 31 or not death results; provided, the amount of such com-
 32 pensation shall have been approved by the attorney
 33 general.