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To accompany the petition of Roy F. Williams, Executive Vice President, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, for legislation relative to procedure of examinations by impartial physicians under the Workmen's Compensation Act. Labor and Industries.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT BY FURTHER REGULATING THE PROCEDURE OF EXAMINATIONS BY IMPARTIAL PHYSICIANS.

*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 9 of chapter 152 of the General Laws, as amended, is  
2 hereby further amended by striking out said section and in-  
3 serting in place thereof the following: —  
4 *Section 9.* The division or any member thereof may appoint a  
5 duly qualified impartial physician to examine the injured em-  
6 ployee and to report: — (1) The division shall forward to said  
7 physician copies of all pertinent medical records; (2) Such im-  
8 partial physicians must be qualified in the particular field of their  
9 examination and be either members of the American board in  
10 their specialty, or members of the hospital staff in their specialty  
11 in American Medical Association approved hospitals. The fee  
12 for this service shall be a reasonable amount set by the division,  
13 and the insurer shall reimburse the division for the amount so  
14 paid. The report of the physician shall be admissible as evidence  
15 in any proceeding before the division or a member thereof;  
16 provided, that the employee and the insurer have seasonably  
17 been furnished with copies thereof, and said physician may be  
18 summoned for the purpose of cross-examination.

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