

SENATE No. 356

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, April 7, 1926.

The committee on Public Safety to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, Senate, No. 208) of John W. McCormack that the State Fire Marshal be authorized to summon witnesses, administer oaths and require the production of books and papers, report the accompanying Bill (Senate, No. 356).

For the committee,

JOHN W. McCORMACK.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

An Act relative to Witnesses before the Commissioner of Public Safety and the State Fire Marshal.

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 twenty-two of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting after section four
3 the following new section:—
4 *Section 4A.* The commissioner and the state
5 fire marshal may require by summons the attend-
6 ance and testimony of witnesses and the produc-
7 tion of books and papers relating to any matter
8 under investigation by them respectively, and may
9 administer oaths to such witnesses. The fees of
10 such witnesses for attendance and travel, which
11 need not be tendered in advance, shall be the same
12 as for witnesses before the district court in civil
13 cases and shall be paid by the commonwealth upon
14 the certificate of the commissioner, filed with the
15 comptroller, subject to apportionment under sec-
16 tion twenty-nine of chapter one hundred and forty-
17 eight when paid in cases arising under said chapter
18 in the metropolitan fire prevention district.

