

HOUSE . . . No. 755

By Mr. Lane of Lawrence, petition of Thomas J. Lane relative to appointment and fees of physicians making examinations under the laws relating to compensation of employees injured in industrial plants. Labor and Industries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Three.

An Act relative to the Appointment and Fees of Physicians for making Examinations under the Workmen's Compensation Law.

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 nine of chapter one hundred and fifty-two
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
3 after the word "physician" in the second line the
4 words:—, who is not employed in any capacity by
5 an insurance company, — and by striking out, in the
6 fifth and sixth lines, the words "and the insurer shall
7 reimburse the department for the amount so paid"
8 and inserting in place thereof the words:— which
9 amount shall be paid by the department, — so as to
10 read as follows:— *Section 9.* The department or
11 any member thereof may appoint a duly qualified
12 impartial physician, who is not employed in any
13 capacity by an insurance company, to examine the
14 injured employee and to report. The fee for this

15 service shall be five dollars and traveling expenses,
 16 but the department may allow additional reasonable
 17 amounts in extraordinary cases, which amount shall
 18 be paid by the department. The report of the physi-
 19 cian shall be admissible as evidence in any proceeding
 20 before the department or a member thereof; provided,
 21 that the employee and the insurer have seasonably
 22 been furnished with copies thereof.