

HOUSE No. 1511

By Mr. Lussier of Pittsfield, petition of Thomas R. Lussier and another relative to the furnishing of reports to claimants by employers and insurers under the workmen's compensation law. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

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 1. Section 20A of chapter 152 of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by chapter 194 of the acts of 1954, is
3 hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
4 paragraph: —

5 “If the employer or insurer fails to furnish the claimant, a person
6 acting on his behalf or his attorney with a copy of such report
7 within twenty days after a written request therefor, the Superior
8 Court shall have jurisdiction, upon petition of the claimant, to
9 order the production and furnishing of such reports, together with
10 costs and a reasonable attorney's fee to the claimant.”

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

