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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 3, 1900.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 320) of Edward F. Johnson and another for legislation authorizing trial justices and judges of police, municipal and district courts to pay reasonable compensation to experts, report the accompanying bill.

For the Committee,

JAMES E. ODLIN.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 6, 1900.

The committee on Counties, to whom was referred the bill to authorize trial justices and police, district and municipal courts to pay reasonable compensation to experts, report that the same ought to pass.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM H. FEIKER.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred.

### AN ACT

To authorize Trial Justices and Police, District and Municipal Courts to pay Reasonable Compensation to Experts.

*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. Chapter three hundred and eighty-  
2 five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and  
3 ninety-three is hereby amended so as to read as  
4 follows:—  
5 Trial justices and police, district and municipal  
6 courts are authorized to allow reasonable compen-  
7 sation to interpreters, experts, and to witnesses  
8 from without the Commonwealth in criminal pro-  
9 ceedings and inquests before such courts or trial  
10 justices. The compensation so allowed shall be  
11 paid by the county in which such proceedings are  
12 had, in the same manner as is now provided by  
13 law for the payment of witness fees. The com-

14 pension so allowed an expert shall not exceed  
15 five dollars for one day's attendance before such  
16 such courts or trial justices.

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

