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Bill accompanying the petition of the Massachusetts Police Association for an amendment of the law relative to the indemnification of police officers and firemen. Cities. January 17.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

### AN ACT

Relative to the Indemnification of Police Officers and Firemen.

*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 twenty-one of chapter twenty-six  
2 of the Revised Laws, as amended by chapter two hundred  
3 and sixty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and ten, is  
4 hereby further amended by striking out the word "may",  
5 in the first line of said section twenty-one as amended,  
6 and inserting in place thereof the word "shall", — so as  
7 to read as follows: — *Section 21.* A city shall indemnify  
8 a police officer, fireman or a member of the fire depart-  
9 ment, or a person required to assist a police officer in the  
10 discharge of his duties, to an amount not more than the  
11 amount recommended by the board or officer authorized  
12 to appoint police officers, firemen or members of the fire

13 department of such city, for expenses or damages hitherto  
14 or hereafter sustained by him while acting as a police  
15 officer, fireman or member of the fire department or as  
16 such assistant, or which were incurred by him in the  
17 defence or settlement of an action brought against him  
18 for acts done by him while so acting; and, if he is dead,  
19 such expenses or damages shall be payable to his widow,  
20 or if he leaves no widow, then to his next of kin who,  
21 at the time of his death, were dependent upon his wages  
22 for support.

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