

HOUSE . . . . . No. 3939

By Mr. Creedon of Brockton, petition of Robert S. Creedon, Jr., that boards of appeal be responsible for the cost and reasonable attorneys' fees under certain zoning regulations and by-laws. Urban Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING COST AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES  
AGAINST A BOARD OF APPEALS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

*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 21 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing  
2 in section 1 of chapter 199 of the acts of 1957, is hereby  
3 amended by striking out the third paragraph and inserting  
4 in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 Cost plus reasonable attorney's fees may be allowed against  
6 the board when the court finds that it acted with negligence  
7 or in bad faith in making the decision appealed from.

By the Committee on Education and Labor, in response to a resolution of the House of Representatives, passed July 1, 1908.

### The Commission on Education

in the Year 1908

THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATION, created by the Act of July 1, 1908, Chapter 201, of the Statutes at Large, has the honor to submit herewith its report.

The Commission was organized on July 1, 1908, and has since that time been engaged in a study of the various phases of the educational problem in this country.

The Commission has held numerous public hearings, and has received many suggestions from the general public, from the various States, and from the Federal Government.

The Commission has also conducted extensive research into the various phases of the educational problem, and has prepared a number of reports on the subject.