

HOUSE No. 3871

By Mr. Murphy of Brockton, petition of Bernard Cohen and Paul Maurice Murphy that provision be made for the payment of attorneys' fees and certain expenses incurred by employees under the Workmen's Compensation Act. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND CERTAIN EXPENSES INCURRED BY EMPLOYEES UNDER 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 Chapter 152 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 34A the following section:—
- 3 *Section 34B.* In any proceeding under this chapter wherein
- 4 the employee is awarded compensation or benefits, there shall
- 5 be awarded to the employee, in addition thereto, a sum suffi-
- 6 cient to compensate said employee for costs incurred by him
- 7 in establishing his claim, said costs to include attorneys' fees,
- 8 witness fees, mileage costs and other reasonable costs. The
- 9 attorney's fee awarded hereunder shall be paid directly to the
- 10 attorney by the insurer.

