

HOUSE No. 1005

By Mr. Olver of Amherst, petition of John W. Olver for the payment of certain hospital and medical expenses of campus police at the University of Massachusetts and providing indemnification of such officers for certain damages and expenses. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL EXPENSES OF CAMPUS POLICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND PROVIDING FOR THE INDEMNIFICATION OF SUCH OFFICERS FOR CERTAIN DAMAGES AND EXPENSES.

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 75 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 32A the following two sections:—

3 *Section 32B. Campus police, payment of hospital and*
4 *medical expenses.*—The trustees may authorize the payment,
5 out of any appropriation made for traveling or other expenses
6 of the university, of the reasonable hospital, medical and
7 surgical expenses, not otherwise covered, incurred by any
8 member of the university campus police or any call officer
9 thereof who is temporarily or permanently disabled by reason
10 of injuries sustained through no fault of his own in the actual
11 performance of his duty.

12 *Section 32C. Indemnification for damages or expenses.*—
13 The trustees shall, subject to appropriation, indemnify a
14 campus police officer, to an amount not more than the
15 amount recommended by the president, for expenses or
16 damages sustained by him while acting as a campus police
17 officer, or incurred by him in the defense or settlement of an
18 action brought against him for acts done by him while so
19 acting; provided, that the defense or settlement of such claim

20 shall have been made by the attorney general; and such
21 damages shall include loss of pay by reason of absence from
22 duty on the part of such officer because of temporary incapa-
23 city caused by injury suffered through no fault of his own
24 while in the actual performance of duty; and, if such officer
25 be dead, such expenses or damages shall be payable to his
26 widow, or, if he leaves no widow, then to his next of kin, who,
27 at the time of his death, were dependent upon his salary for
28 support. This section shall be construed to require the
29 trustees to pay compensation, in the manner herein provided,
30 for damages for personal injuries, whether or not death
31 results; provided, the amount of such compensation shall
32 have been approved by the attorney general.