

By Mr. Swartz of Haverhill, petition of David J. Swartz and others that certain costs of administering the workmen's compensation law be assessed against insurers and self-insurers. Commerce and Labor.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT TO PLACE THE COST OF ADMINISTERING THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT ON THE INSURERS AND SELF-INSURERS.

*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 23 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 out section 13 and inserting in place thereof the following  
3 section:—

4 *Section 13.* The department may expend for the traveling  
5 expenses of its members and employees incurred in the  
6 performance of their duties and for other necessary expenses of  
7 the department of such sums as shall be determined by the  
8 department of administration and finance as necessary to carry  
9 out the provisions of Chapter 152. Such sums shall, beginning  
0 January 1, 1977, be assessed against the insurers and self-insurers,  
1 as they are defined in Chapter 152, in an equitable and reasonable  
2 manner to be determined by the commissioner of insurance.

