

HOUSE No. 3901

By Mr. Ranieri of Bellingham, petition of Daniel J. Ranieri relative to authorizing the appointment of an impartial physician to examine an injured employee under the workers' compensation law. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FAIR AND ADEQUATE COMPENSATION OF INJURED WORKERS.

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, as so appearing, is hereby
- 2 amended by adding after Section 8(6) the following new Sec-
- 3 tion 9: —
- 4 An Administrative Judge or Administrative Law Judge before
- 5 whom a conference or hearing is scheduled, may appoint a duly
- 6 qualified impartial physician to examine the injured employee and
- 7 to report. The fee for this service shall be a reasonable amount
- 8 set by the Division, and the insurer shall remit payment directly
- 9 to the impartial physician promptly upon receipt of the approved
- 10 bill. The report of the physician shall be admissible as evidence
- 11 in any proceeding before the Department or a member thereof;
- 12 provided that the employee and the insurer have seasonably been
- 13 furnished with copies thereof.

