

By Mr. Angelo of Saugus, petition of the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts and Steven Angelo for legislation to provide for the indemnification of police officers and fire fighters. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FOR THE INDEMNIFICATION OF POLICE OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS.

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 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 1992 Official Edition, is amended in Section 100 by deleting
3 the first two sentences and substituting the following two sen-
4 tences: —

5 Section 100. Upon application by a fire fighter or police officer
6 of a city, town or fire or water district, or in the event of the phys-
7 ical or mental incapacity or death of such fire fighter or police
8 officer, by someone in his behalf, the board or officer of such city,
9 town or district authorized to appoint fire fighters or police offi-
10 cers, as the case may be, shall determine whether it is appropriate
11 under all the circumstances for such city, town or district to
12 indemnify such fire fighters or police officers for his hospital,
13 medical, surgical, chiropractic, nursing, pharmaceutical, pros-
14 thetic and related expenses and charges for chiropody (podiatry)
15 incurred as the natural and proximate result of an accident occur-
16 ring or of undergoing a hazard peculiar to his employment, while
17 acting in the performance and within the scope of his duty without
18 fault of his own. If such board or officer determines that indemni-
19 fication is appropriate, such board or officer shall certify for pay-
20 ment directly, or if necessary by way of reimbursement, but such

21 city, town or district, in the same manner as a bill lawfully
22 incurred by such board or officer but out of an appropriation for
23 the purposes of clause (32) of section five of chapter forty, such of
24 said expenses as may be specified in such certificate.