

HOUSE No. 59

Accompanying the seventh recommendation of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 52). Social Welfare. January 3.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to the Pensions for Prison Officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section forty-six of chapter thirty-two of the General
2 Laws, as amended by chapter four hundred and two of
3 the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-one is hereby
4 further amended by striking out all after the word " officer "
5 in the third line down to and including the word " hospital "
6 in the ninth line and inserting in place thereof the fol-
7 lowing: —, instructor or other employee of the state
8 prison, the Massachusetts reformatory, the reformatory
9 for women, the state farm, the prison camp and hospital,
10 or any jail or house of correction, — so as to read as
11 follows: — *Section 46.* The commissioner of correction
12 may, with the approval of the governor and council,
13 retire from active service and place upon a pension roll
14 any officer, instructor or other employee of the state

15 prison, the Massachusetts reformatory, the reformatory
16 for women, the state farm, the prison camp and hospital,
17 or any jail or house of correction, who has attained the
18 age of sixty-five and who has been employed in prison
19 service in the commonwealth, with a good record, for not
20 less than twenty years; or who, without fault of his
21 own, has become permanently disabled by injuries sus-
22 tained in the performance of his duty; or who has per-
23 formed faithful prison service for not less than thirty years;
24 provided, that no officer of any jail or house of correction
25 shall so be retired except upon the recommendation of the
26 sheriff and county commissioners of the county, except in
27 the county of Suffolk, where the recommendation as to
28 the officers of the jail shall be made by the sheriff and
29 the mayor of Boston, and, as to the officers of the house
30 of correction, by the penal institutions commissioner and
31 the mayor of Boston; and provided, that no such officer,
32 instructor or employee shall be retired unless he began
33 employment as such in one of the above named institu-
34 tions, or as an officer or instructor in one of those named
35 in the following section, on or before June seventh, nine-
36 teen hundred and eleven. The word "officer" as used
37 in this and the two following sections, shall extend to and
38 include prison officer, watchman and matron.