

HOUSE No. 2191

By Mr. Bevilacqua of Haverhill, petition of Francis J. Bevilacqua that certain political subdivisions of the Commonwealth be authorized to contribute one half of the cost of certain premiums of health insurance of the surviving spouse of insured active or retired employees. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO CONTRIBUTE ONE HALF OF THE COST OF CERTAIN PREMIUMS OF HEALTH INSURANCE OF THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF INSURED ACTIVE OR RETIRED EMPLOYEES.

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 32B of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 9B the following section:—
3 *Section 9C.* A county by vote of the county commissioners;
4 in a city having a Plan D or Plan E charter by majority vote
5 of its city council, in any other city by vote of its city council,
6 approved by the mayor; in a district, except as hereinafter
7 provided, by vote of the registered voters of the district at a
8 district meeting; in a regional school district by vote of the
9 regional district school committee; in a veterans' services
10 district by vote of the district board; in a welfare district by
11 vote of the district welfare committee; in a district estab-
12 lished under the provisions of section twenty-seven A of
13 chapter one hundred eleven by vote of the joint com-
14 mittee; may provide that it will pay one half of the amount
15 of the premium to be paid by the surviving spouse of an
16 insured employee or a retired employee for hospital, sur-
17 gical, medical and other health insurance continued as

18 provided in section nine B. A town may provide for such
19 payment if a majority of the votes cast in answer to the
20 following question which shall be printed on the official ballot
21 to be used at an election in said town is in the affirmative:—
22 “Shall the town pay one half of the premium costs payable
23 by the surviving spouse of an employee or retired employee
24 for group general or blanket hospital, surgical, medical and
25 other health insurance?”

26 Payment of the entire premium by the surviving spouse as
27 required by section nine B shall not apply in any govern-
28 mental unit which accepts the provisions of this section.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.