

By Mr. Brennan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 707) of John A. Brennan, Jr., and the Massachusetts State Employees Association, by John P. Keefe, president, for legislation to provide for the payment by the Commonwealth of one hundred percent of the health insurance premium required to be paid to the Group Insurance Commission by the surviving spouse of an insured employee or retired employee. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-two.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM REQUIRED TO BE PAID TO THE GROUP INSURANCE COMMISSION BY THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF AN INSURED EMPLOYEE OR RETIRED EMPLOYEE.

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 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
 2 striking out section 11, as amended by chapter 791 of the acts
 3 of 1971, and inserting in place thereof the following sec-
 4 tion: —

5 *Section 11.* Upon the death of an employee or retired em-
 6 ployee insured under this chapter the surviving spouse may
 7 continue the group general or blanket hospital insurance cov-
 8 ering himself or his dependents providing hospital, medical
 9 and other health insurance until the remarriage or death of
 10 said surviving spouse; provided, that application for such in-
 11 surance coverage shall be filed with the commission and a
 12 method for the payment of premiums shall be determined in
 13 accordance with the rules and regulations; and provided, fur-
 14 ther, that the commonwealth shall contribute one hundred
 15 percent of said premium subject, where applicable, to reim-
 16 bursement as provided under section ten B. Said commission
 17 shall determine the amount of said premium which may be
 18 the entire average group premium for hospital, surgical, med-
 19 ical and other health insurance applicable to an employee, and
 20 employee and his dependents or a premium computed on a

21 basis considered by said commission to be equitable in rela-
22 tion to all insured employees and all former employees who
23 have retired and who have continued such coverage under the
24 provisions of section ten or are insured under the provisions
25 of section ten B.