
By Mr. Armstrong of Plymouth, petition of the County Commissioners & Sheriffs Association of Massachusetts relative to presumption of service-connected disability with respect to certain county employees where impairment of health is caused by hypertension or heart disease. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PRESUMPTION OF SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHERE IMPAIRMENT OF HEALTH IS CAUSED BY HYPERTENSION OR HEART DISEASE.

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 94 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as most re-
2 cently amended by chapter 610 of the acts of 1963, is hereby
3 further amended by inserting after the word "correction" in
4 line 12, the words:—or of any county,—so as to read as fol-
5 lows:—Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
6 special law to the contrary affecting the non-contributory or
7 contributory system, any condition of impairment of health
8 caused by hypertension or heart disease resulting in total or
9 partial disability or death to a uniformed member of a paid
10 fire department or permanent member of a police department,
11 or of the police force of the metropolitan district commission,
12 or of the state police in the department of public safety, or of
13 the capital police, or of the public works building police, or to
14 any employee of the registry of motor vehicles in the depart-
15 ment of public works who entered the service of the registry
16 as an investigator or examiner and performed police duty, or
17 to any employee in the department of correction or of any
18 county whose regular or incidental duties require the care,
19 supervision or custody of prisoners, criminally insane persons
20 or defective delinquents, or to any permanent crash crewman,
21 crash boatman, fire control man or assistant fire controlman
22 employed at the General Edward Lawrence Logan Interna-

23 tional Airport, shall, if he successfully passed a physical exam-
24 ination on entry into such service, or subsequently success-
25 fully passed a physical examination, which examination failed
26 to reveal any evidence of such condition, be presumed to have
27 been suffered in line of duty, unless the contrary be shown by
28 competent evidence.