

SENATE No. 488

To accompany the petition of Joseph B. Harrington that certain male employees of the Commonwealth be paid compensation equal to the prevailing rate paid for similar employment in private industry. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN MALE EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMONWEALTH SERVING IN ANY STATE DEPARTMENT, BOARD OR COMMISSION SHALL RECEIVE COMPENSATION ON AN ANNUAL BASIS EQUAL TO THE PREVAILING RATE PAID FOR SIMILAR EMPLOYMENT IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY.

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 thirty of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section forty-four A, as
3 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the following
4 new section:—

5 *Section 44B.* All male employees of the common-
6 wealth serving in any department, board or commis-
7 sion thereof who are employed in any of the skilled
8 trades shall receive compensation therefor on an
9 annual basis equal to the prevailing rate of wage paid
10 for such skilled employment or trade in private in-

11 dustry in the district wherein such employees are em-
12 ployed. The director of personnel and standardiza-
13 tion in the commission of administration and finance
14 shall from time to time determine the status of every
15 such employee both as to classification and as to wage
16 rate.