

SENATE No. 534

To accompany the petition of Joseph F. Montminy and Bartholomew J. Callery, Jr., for legislation relative to the pensions of certain laborers who have been retired from the service of the city of Lowell. Pensions.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PENSIONS OF CERTAIN LABORERS
WHO HAVE BEEN RETIRED FROM THE SERVICE OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL.

*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 1. Section one of chapter sixty-one of
2 the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty, as most
3 recently amended by chapter two hundred and forty-
4 three of the acts of the current year, is hereby further
5 amended by inserting after the word "retirement"
6 in the fifteenth line, as appearing in section one of
7 said chapter two hundred and forty-three, the follow-
8 ing sentence — This act shall apply to the retire-
9 ment allowances of laborers retired since January
10 first, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, and prior
11 to the effective date of this act as well as those retired
12 after said effective date, — so as to read as follows: —
13 *Section 1.* Any laborer in the employ of the city of
14 Lowell who has reached the age of sixty and has been

15 in such employ for a period of not less than twenty-
16 five years and has become physically or mentally
17 incapacitated for labor, and any laborer in the employ
18 of said city who has been in such employ for a period
19 of not less than fifteen years and has become physi-
20 cally or mentally incapacitated for labor by reason
21 of any injury received in the performance of his
22 duties for said city, may, at his request and with the
23 approval of the mayor and city council, be retired
24 from service; and if so retired he shall receive from
25 said city for the remainder of his life an annual
26 pension equal to one half the highest compensation
27 paid since May first, nineteen hundred and thirty-
28 one, for the grade held by him at the time of his
29 retirement. This act shall apply to the retirement
30 allowances of laborers retired since January first,
31 nineteen hundred and thirty-one, and prior to the
32 effective date of this act as well as those retired after
33 said effective date. Any laborer in the employ of
34 said city who has reached the age of sixty-five and
35 has been in such employ for a period of not less than
36 twenty-five years, including the time when incapaci-
37 tated by reason of sickness, not exceeding two years
38 in the aggregate, as certified by a physician in regular
39 standing, shall be retired from service, and shall
40 receive from said city an annual pension computed
41 in the manner hereinbefore set forth. The word
42 "laborer", as used in this section shall include fore-
43 men, mechanics, craftsmen and chauffeurs.

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