
By Mr. McCarthy of Somerville, petition of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association relative to the increasing by certain cities and towns of the retirement allowances of certain former employees thereof who were retired on account of accidental disability. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE INCREASING BY CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS OF THE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES OF CERTAIN FORMER EMPLOYEES THEREOF WHO WERE RETIRED ON ACCOUNT OF ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY.

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-two of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section ninety A, inserted
3 by section one of chapter four hundred and fifty-two
4 of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-three, and
5 inserting in place thereof the following: —

6 *Section 90A.* Any city or town which accepts the
7 provisions of this section, in the case of a city by two
8 thirds vote of the city council and with the approval
9 of the mayor, and in the case of a town by two thirds
10 vote at the annual town meeting, and any city or
11 town which is authorized by special law to retire
12 members of its fire department, may, by a similar

13 vote, increase the retirement allowance of any former
14 employee thereof who has been retired under any
15 provision of this chapter or similar provision of earlier
16 law, or under the provisions of any special law on
17 account of injuries sustained or of hazard undergone
18 in the performance of his duty, to an amount not
19 exceeding one half the rate of regular compensation
20 payable to employees of such city or town holding
21 similar positions, at the time of increasing such allow-
22 ance, in the same grade or classification occupied by
23 such former employee at the time of his retirement.