

HOUSE No. 164

By Mr. Rodolphe G. Bessette of New Bedford (by request), petition of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees for weekly payments of annuities, pensions or retirement allowances under the contributory retirement systems for public employees. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR WEEKLY PAYMENTS OF ANNUITIES, PENSIONS OR RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES UNDER THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

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 13 of chapter 32 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out subdivision (1) and
3 inserting in place thereof the following: —

4 (1) (a) Payments under any annuity, pension or
5 retirement allowance provided for under this chapter
6 and in effect on December thirty-first, nineteen hun-
7 dred and forty-five, shall continue to be due and pay-
8 able in the same amounts and under the same
9 conditions as were in effect on such date.

10 (b) Payments under any annuity, pension or retire-
11 ment allowance provided for under sections one to
12 twenty-eight, inclusive, and becoming effective after

13 December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and forty-
14 five, shall be due and payable for the week on the last
15 day of each week during the continuance of such
16 annuity, pension or retirement allowance, as the case
17 may be. The yearly amount of any such annuity,
18 pension or retirement allowance shall be computed
19 to the nearest cent which makes such amount an
20 integral multiple of twelve cents. The amount of
21 each full weekly payment shall be one fifty-second of
22 the corresponding yearly amount and the first such
23 full payment shall be due and payable on the last day
24 of the week following the week in which falls the
25 date as of which such annuity, pension or retirement
26 allowance becomes effective. If such effective date
27 is a day other than the last day of the week in which
28 it falls, a pro rata payment shall be allowed for the
29 period following such date and ending with such last
30 day. No payment under any such annuity, pension
31 or retirement allowance shall be made for any period
32 prior to the day next following the date for which such
33 member last received regular compensation for his
34 employment in the public service. Except as other-
35 wise specifically provided for in sections one to twenty-
36 eight, inclusive, weekly payments shall be made during
37 the lifetime of the person upon the continuance of
38 whose life the payments depend and shall cease with
39 the last full weekly payment due prior to the death
40 of such person; provided, that a pro rata payment
41 shall be allowed for that portion of the week in which
42 such death occurs which has elapsed up to and in-
43 cluding the date of death.