

HOUSE No. 516

By Messrs. White of Woburn, Cappucci of Boston and Kamens of Chelsea, petition of the Massachusetts State Employees Association and Jeremiah Kamens for legislation to increase accidental disability retirement allowances and death benefits under the contributory retirement law. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT INCREASING CERTAIN BENEFITS FOR ACCIDENTAL
DISABILITY RETIREMENT AND ADDITIONAL ACCIDENTAL
DEATH BENEFITS, UNDER THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIRE-
MENT LAW.

*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. Clause (ii) of paragraph (a) of sub-
2 division (2) of section 7 of chapter 32 of the General
3 Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 658 of the
4 acts of 1945, is hereby further amended by striking
5 out, in lines 1 and 4, the words "one half" and insert-
6 ing in place thereof, in each instance, the words: —
7 two thirds, — so as to read as follows: — (ii) A yearly
8 amount of pension equal to two thirds of the annual
9 rate of his regular compensation on the date such
10 injury was sustained or such hazard was undergone, or
11 equal to two thirds of the average annual rate of his

12 regular compensation for the twelve-month period for
13 which he last received regular compensation immedi-
14 ately preceding the date his retirement allowance
15 becomes effective, whichever is greater; and

1 SECTION 2. Paragraph (2) of section 9 of said chap-
2 ter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking
3 out, in lines 13 and 16, the words "one half" and in-
4 serting in place thereof, in each instance, the words: —
5 two thirds, — so that the first paragraph of paragraph
6 (2) will read as follows: — Upon receipt by the board
7 of proof of the death of any member as set forth in
8 subdivision (1) of this section, the amount of any
9 accumulated total deductions credited to his account
10 in the annuity savings fund or the amount of any cash
11 refund or pro rata payment of allowance due under
12 the provisions of subdivision (2) of section eleven, as
13 the case may be, shall be paid in one sum in accord-
14 ance with the provisions of such subdivision to his
15 surviving beneficiary or beneficiaries entitled thereto.
16 In addition to any such payment, there shall be paid
17 to such member's dependent beneficiary or benefici-
18 aries, as hereinafter designated in this subdivision,
19 an accidental death benefit allowance to consist of a
20 yearly amount of pension equal to two thirds of the
21 annual rate of regular compensation of such member
22 on the date such injury was sustained or such hazard
23 was undergone, or equal to two thirds of the average
24 annual rate of his regular compensation for the twelve-
25 month period for which he last received regular com-
26 pensation immediately preceding the date of his death,
27 whichever is greater. Such pension shall become
28 effective as of the date of the death of such member
29 and payments thereunder shall be made as provided

30 for in section thirteen. Such pension shall be subject
31 to the provisions of paragraph (2) (b) of section seven
32 and to the provisions of sections fourteen and fifteen
33 and shall be paid —

