

# HOUSE . . . . No. 619

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By Mr. Curley of Springfield, petition of the Associated Fire Fighters of Massachusetts and John G. Curley for legislation to increase the retirement allowances of former firemen and policemen retired for disability. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT TO INCREASE THE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES OF FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN IN CERTAIN CASES.

*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 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by inserting after section 90A the following new  
3 section:—

4 *Section 90B.* Any city or town which accepts the  
5 provisions of this section in the manner hereinafter  
6 provided, may, in the case of a city by two thirds  
7 vote of the city council and with the approval of the  
8 mayor, or, in the case of a town, by two thirds vote  
9 at an annual town meeting, increase the retirement  
10 allowance of any former member of the fire and police  
11 departments thereof who has been retired under any  
12 provision of this chapter or similar provision of  
13 earlier law on account of injuries sustained or of  
14 hazard undergone in the performance of his duty, to

15 an amount not exceeding two thirds the rate of  
16 regular compensation payable to employees of such  
17 city or town holding similar positions, at the time of  
18 increasing such allowance, in the same grade occupied  
19 by such former member at the time of his retirement.