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*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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MEMORANDUM OF COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATIONS  
AND TAXATION PURSUANT TO GENERAL LAWS,  
CHAPTER 3, SECTION 7, WITH RESPECT TO PETI-  
TION OF HARRY R. HALL AND OTHERS THAT MEM-  
BERS OF THE METHUEN FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF  
ASSOCIATION, INC., BE AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE  
CERTAIN BENEFITS UPON THEIR RETIREMENT.

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DECEMBER 19, 1958.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.*

The above-named petition was transmitted to me by the Clerk of the House of Representatives on December 10, 1958, with the request for a memorandum.

Methuen Firefighters' Relief Association Inc. was organized June 12, 1950, under the name of Methuen Firemen's Relief Association, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 176 of the General Laws. It assumed its present title May 21, 1957.

The bill before your honorable bodies provides that any member of the Association who ceases to be a member of the Methuen Fire Department by reason of being retired shall, at his request within sixty days of his retirement, be paid from the funds of the said association a sum equal to the death benefit provided by its by-laws. But if a member does not make such a request, he shall remain a member of the association and upon his death, the death benefit shall be payable to a beneficiary named by him or, in the absence of such a designation, the benefit would be paid to his heirs at law.

The subject corporation is under the jurisdiction of the Insurance Commissioner. It is, therefore, respectfully suggested that an opinion on the merits of the bill be obtained from him.

No fee is payable by a corporation of the type described in the petition.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. CAPELESS,  
*Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation.*

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By Mr. Longworth of Methuen, petition of Harry R. Hall and others that members of the Methuen Firefighters' Relief Association, Inc., be authorized to receive certain benefits upon their retirement. Mercantile Affairs.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Nine.

AN ACT ALLOWING THE MEMBERS OF THE METHUEN FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION, INC. TO BE PAID DEATH BENEFITS UPON THEIR RETIREMENT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF METHUEN.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Any member of the Methuen Firefighters' Relief Association,  
2 Inc. who ceases to be a member of the Methuen fire department  
3 by reason of being retired shall, at his request, within sixty days  
4 of his retirement, be paid from the funds of said association a  
5 sum of money equal to the death benefit provided by its by-  
6 laws and he shall thereupon cease to be a member of said asso-  
7 ciation and shall no longer be entitled to any benefits therefrom;  
8 provided, however, that if said member does not make such a  
9 request within sixty days of his retirement he shall remain a  
10 member of said association and upon his death, the death bene-  
11 fit shall be payable to any beneficiary designated by him. In  
12 the absence of the designation of a beneficiary the death benefit  
13 shall be paid to his heirs at law.