
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MEMORANDUM OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH PURSUANT TO GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 7, WITH RESPECT TO PETITION OF DENIS L. McKENNA FOR LEGISLATION TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN DEATH BENEFITS WHICH MAY BE PAID BY THE SOMERVILLE POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

January 9, 1964

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

The above named petition was transmitted to me by the Clerk of the Senate on December 9, 1963, with a request for a memorandum.

The Somerville Police Relief Association was organized on January 24, 1882 under the provisions of section 4, Chapter 375 of the Acts of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed in the year 1874. On December 19, 1899 a change of purpose was filed changing the original purpose to read as follows: For the purpose of paying disability benefits and annuities or gratuities contingent upon disability or long service. Chapter 334 of the Acts of 1936 authorized the corporation to pay to such member upon the death of the wife of any member in good standing, such sum, not exceeding three hundred dollars, as may from time to time be determined by vote of said corporation, and, upon the death of any member in good standing, to pay such death benefits, not exceeding one thousand dollars, as may from time to time be determined by vote as aforesaid. Chapter 249 of the Acts of 1957 authorized upon the death of the wife of any member in good standing, to pay to such member such sum, not exceeding five hundred dollars, as may from time to time be determined by vote of said corporation, and, upon the death of any member in good standing, to pay such death benefits, not exceeding fifteen

hundred dollars, as may from time to time be determined by vote as aforesaid.

This bill which accompanies the above petition seeks to increase the amount of death benefits, upon the death of any member in good standing, to pay such death benefits, not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars.

It is respectfully suggested that an opinion of the Commissioner of Insurance be sought on this bill.

No fee is required to be paid by a corporation of this type under the provisions of Chapter 3, Section 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin H. White

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

By Mr. McKenna, a petition of Denis L. McKenna for legislation to increase the amount of certain death benefits which may be paid by the Somerville Police Relief Association. Mercantile Affairs.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Four.

AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN DEATH BENEFITS WHICH MAY BE PAID BY THE SOMERVILLE POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

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. The Somerville Police Relief Association, a cor-
2 poration duly established under the laws of the commonwealth,
3 is hereby authorized, upon the death of the wife of any mem-
4 ber in good standing, to pay to such member such sum, not
5 exceeding five hundred dollars, as may from time to time be
6 determined by vote of said corporation, and, upon the death
7 of any member in good standing, to pay such death benefits,
8 not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars, as may from
9 time to time be determined by vote as aforesaid.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The Commission on the Administration of the Government of the District of Columbia, created by the Act of August 10, 1941, Chapter 477, Public Law 477, 76th Congress, 2d Session, is pleased to announce the results of its study of the present organization of the District of Columbia Government.

The Commission has found that the present organization of the District of Columbia Government is not in accordance with the principles of good government and that it is necessary to recommend certain changes.

The Commission recommends that the District of Columbia Government be organized on the basis of a Council of the District of Columbia, a Mayor, and a Board of Commissioners. The Council shall be composed of the Mayor and five members elected by the people of the District of Columbia. The Mayor shall be elected by the people of the District of Columbia for a term of four years. The Board of Commissioners shall be composed of five members elected by the people of the District of Columbia for a term of four years.

The Commission further recommends that the Council of the District of Columbia be authorized to exercise the powers and functions now exercised by the Board of Commissioners, and that the Mayor be authorized to exercise the powers and functions now exercised by the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

1. Section 1. The Council of the District of Columbia shall be composed of the Mayor and five members elected by the people of the District of Columbia.
2. Section 2. The Mayor shall be elected by the people of the District of Columbia for a term of four years.
3. Section 3. The Board of Commissioners shall be composed of five members elected by the people of the District of Columbia for a term of four years.
4. Section 4. The Council of the District of Columbia shall be authorized to exercise the powers and functions now exercised by the Board of Commissioners.
5. Section 5. The Mayor shall be authorized to exercise the powers and functions now exercised by the Mayor of the District of Columbia.
6. Section 6. The Council of the District of Columbia shall be authorized to exercise the powers and functions now exercised by the Council of the District of Columbia.
7. Section 7. The Mayor shall be authorized to exercise the powers and functions now exercised by the Mayor of the District of Columbia.
8. Section 8. The Board of Commissioners shall be authorized to exercise the powers and functions now exercised by the Board of Commissioners.
9. Section 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.