

# HOUSE . . . . No. 998

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By Mr. Cleary of Boston, petition of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association relative to increasing retirement allowances of certain employees of cities and towns who are retired on account of accidental 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-Five,

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE INCREASING BY CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS OF THE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES OF CERTAIN FORMER EMPLOYEES THEREOF WHO WERE RETIRED ON ACCOUNT OF ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY.

*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 ninety A of chapter thirty-two of the Gen-  
2 eral Laws, inserted by section one of chapter four  
3 hundred and fifty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred  
4 and forty-three, is hereby amended by inserting after  
5 the word "law" in the eighth line the following:—  
6 , or under the provisions of any special law, — so as  
7 to read as follows:— *Section 90A.* Any city or town  
8 which accepts the provisions of this section in the  
9 manner hereinafter provided may, in the case of a  
10 city by two thirds vote of the city council and with  
11 the approval of the mayor, or, in the case of a town,  
12 by two thirds vote at the annual town meeting,

13 increase the retirement allowance of any former em-  
14 ployee thereof who has been retired under any provi-  
15 sion of this chapter or similar provision of earlier law,  
16 or under the provisions of any special law on account  
17 of injuries sustained or of hazard undergone in the  
18 performance of his duty, to an amount not exceeding  
19 one half the rate of regular compensation payable to  
20 employees of such city or town holding similar posi-  
21 tions, at the time of increasing such allowance, in the  
22 same grade or classification occupied by such former  
23 employee at the time of his retirement.