

SENATE No. 8

To accompany the petition of James P. Timilty that the pensioning of members of the police department of the city of Boston be permissive and not compulsory. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen.

AN ACT

Relative to pensioning Members of the Police Department of the City of Boston.

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 one of chapter three hundred and fifty-
2 three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and
3 ninety-two is hereby amended by striking out the
4 word " shall ", in the seventh line, and inserting
5 in place thereof the word:— may,— so as to read
6 as follows:— *Section 1.* The board of police of the
7 city of Boston may at his own request retire from
8 active service and place upon a pension roll any
9 member of the police department who has per-
10 formed faithful service in said department for a
11 period not less than twenty years, if in the judg-
12 ment of the board said officer is incapacitated for

13 useful service on said force, and said board may
14 retire from such service and place upon a pension
15 roll any member of said force who has arrived at
16 the age of sixty-five years, or any member who
17 shall be certified to said board in writing, by the
18 physician to the board of health of said city, as
19 being permanently incapacitated, either mentally
20 or physically, by injuries sustained in the actual
21 performance of duty, from further performing
22 duty as such member: *provided, however*, that no
23 officer shall be retired under the provisions of this
24 act unless such action is approved in writing by
25 the mayor of the city of Boston; and *provided*, that
26 soldiers and sailors who served during the war of
27 the rebellion and who have received an honorable
28 discharge shall not be retired at the age of sixty-
29 five years, except at their own request.