To accompany the petition of M. F. O'Brien, president of the Federation of State, City and Town Employees' Unions, that provision be made for a retirement allowance for laborers employed by the city of Boston. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Retirement Allowance of Laborers employed by 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 two of chapter four hundred and thirteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and eleven, as amended by section two of chapter three hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen, by section one of chapter seven hundred and sixty-five of the act of nineteen hundred and fourteen and by chapter sixty-three of the Special Acts of nineteen hundred and fifteen, is hereby further amended by striking out the words "but in no case shall such
pension exceed in amount the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars per year”, in the tenth and eleventh lines,—so as to read as follows:—

Section 2. Any laborer employed by the city of Boston who has reached the age of sixty years and who has been in the service of the city for a period of not less than twenty-five years, and who is physically incapacitated, shall, at his request and with the approval of the retirement board above provided for, be retired from service and shall receive for the remainder of his life an annual pension equal to one half of the compensation to which he would have been entitled for full employment during the last year of his service for the city. It shall be the duty of the said board so to retire any laborer in the service of the city who has reached the age of seventy years and has served the city for a period of not less than twenty-five years: provided, however, that said retirement board may, upon the request of the mayor and city council, retire any laborer employed by said city who has been in the service of the city continuously for a period of not less than fifteen years and who, owing to injury, physical incompetency, old age or infirmity, may be incapacitated from further performance or discharge of his duty or labor.