

With respect to any additional insurance which is in effect for an employee there shall be withheld from each payment of salary or wages of such employee the premium for such insurance and the commonwealth shall make no contribution to said premium. If an employee is not entitled to receive salary, wages or other compensation for a calendar month, he shall make payment directly to the commission and there shall be no contribution by the commonwealth for such payment.

An employee insured under this section may by written notice on a form prescribed by the commission cancel such insurance, and such insurance shall require no further premium payment the first day of the month following the expiration of fifteen days from the receipt of notice of cancellation. Insurance coverage will therefore terminate at the end of the month for which premium has been paid. If an employee withdraws as provided in section five, such withdrawal shall automatically effect a cessation of the additional insurance under this section as of the date of cessation of his minimum insurance.

Upon retirement of an employee eligible for pension allowances under any general or special law, his additional insurance under this section shall terminate and he shall be afforded the privilege of converting such additional insurance in accordance with the rules and regulations of the commission.

The commission is hereby authorized to negotiate for and purchase the additional insurance outlined in the above schedule on the basis of group renewable term or group permanent insurance, whichever it deems to be in the best interests of the commonwealth and its employees.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and sixty-one. *Approved May 14, 1960.*

**Chap. 390.** AN ACT REPEALING THE MERIT RATING SYSTEM.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Sections five to ten, inclusive, and section sixteen of chapter 90A of the General Laws are hereby repealed, and the caption preceding said section five is hereby stricken out. *Approved May 14, 1960.*

**Chap. 391.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF NEWTON THE QUESTION OF INCREASING THE SALARIES OF AND ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM ANNUAL SALARY FOR FIRE FIGHTERS, UNIFORMED AND NON-UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF THE FIRE ALARM DIVISION AND MOTOR MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL OF SAID CITY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The officers and members of the fire department of the city of Newton shall receive such annual salary as shall from time to time be fixed by the mayor with the approval of the board of aldermen; provided, however, that the chief of the department shall not receive an annual salary of less than ninety-six hundred dollars, nor