

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 112

By Mr. McEvoy of Somerville, petition of the Massachusetts State Employees Association and Joseph F. McEvoy, Jr., relative to the payment of certain premiums for contributory group general or blanket insurance by persons retired from the service of the Commonwealth. Insurance.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN PREMIUMS FOR CONTRIBUTORY GROUP GENERAL OR BLANKET INSURANCE BY PERSONS RETIRED FROM THE SERVICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

*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. Section 10 of chapter 32A of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in section 1 of chapter 628 of the acts of 1955, is  
3 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting  
4 in place thereof the following two sentences:— The commission  
5 shall require that, on retirement of an employee, the policy  
6 or policies of insurance, shall provide that the group life cover-  
7 age of such employee shall be reduced fifty per cent and the  
8 group general or blanket insurance providing hospital, surgical  
9 and medical benefits shall be continued. The retired employee  
10 shall pay fifty per cent of the average group premium per one  
11 thousand dollars for group life coverage and fifty per cent of the  
12 average group premium for the hospital, surgical and medical  
13 benefits for such employee or for such employee and his de-  
14 pendants and the commonwealth shall contribute the remaining  
15 fifty per cent of such premium cost. Prior to retirement an in-  
16 sured employee who terminates his service with the common-  
17 wealth and who has a right to retire but whose retirement is  
18 deferred as provided in section ten of chapter thirty-two may  
19 continue his full coverage in the state insurance plan; provided,

20 he files an application with the commission, and only for pur-  
21 poses of this chapter shall he be deemed to have been granted a  
22 leave of absence without pay and he shall make payment for the  
23 entire cost of his insurance to the commission in a manner it may  
24 prescribe, and there shall be no contribution by the common-  
25 wealth for such deferred retirees' insurance premium.

1 SECTION 2. Section one of this act shall apply to all employees  
2 who were and are covered under the provisions of chapter thirty-  
3 two A and whose services were terminated by reason of retire-  
4 ment or who were entitled to deferred retirement on or after  
5 January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, except that the  
6 commonwealth will not contribute to the premium cost on a  
7 retroactive basis to January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July first, nineteen  
2 hundred and sixty.