

By Mr. Quinlan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 529) of John M. Quinlan, Joseph F. Timilty and the Massachusetts State Employees Association, by Charles C. McGlynn, president, for legislation to provide for the payment by the Commonwealth of seventy-five percent of the health insurance premium required to be paid to the Group Insurance Commission by the survivor spouse of an insured employee or retired employee. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Four.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM REQUIRED TO BE PAID TO THE GROUP INSURANCE COMMISSION BY THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF AN INSURED EMPLOYEE OR RETIRED EMPLOYEE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 11, as amended by chapter 791 of the acts
3 of 1971, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

4 *Section 11.* Upon the death of an employee or retired em-
5 ployee insured under this chapter the surviving spouse may
6 continue the group general or blanket insurance covering him-
7 self or his dependents providing hospital, surgical, medical
8 and other health insurance until the remarriage or death of
9 said surviving spouse; provided, that application for such in-
10 surance coverage shall be filed with the commission and a
11 method for the payment of premiums shall be determined in
12 accordance with its rules and regulations; and provided, fur-
13 ther, that said surviving spouse shall pay twenty-five per cent
14 of the monthly premium for such insurance and the common-
15 wealth shall contribute the remaining seventy-five per cent
16 of said premium subject, where applicable, to reimbursement
17 as provided under section ten B. Said commission shall de-
18 termine the amount of said premium which may be the entire

19 average group premium for hospital, surgical, medical and
 20 other health insurance applicable to an employee, an employee
 21 and his dependents or a premium computed on a basis con-
 22 sidered by said commission to be equitable in relation to all
 23 insured employees and all former employees who have retired
 24 and who have continued such coverage under the provisions
 25 of section ten or are insured under the provisions of section
 26 ten B.