

By Mr. Quinlan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 627) of Joseph F. Timilty, John M. Quinlan and the Massachusetts State Employees Association, by Charles C. McGlynn, president, for legislation relative to eligibility of blind persons for an annual grant upon being relieved of employment in a workshop for the blind for reasons of disability. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ELIGIBILITY OF BLIND PERSONS FOR AN ANNUAL GRANT UPON BEING RELIEVED OF EMPLOYMENT IN A WORKSHOP FOR THE BLIND FOR REASONS OF DISABILITY.

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 669 of the acts of 1957, as most recently amended
2 by chapter 710 of the acts of 1967, is hereby further amended
3 by adding at the end of section one the following paragraphs:
4 Any such blind person who for reasons other than blindness
5 or deafness becomes fully and permanently incapacitated for
6 future duty before attaining the maximum age as provided in
7 Chapter 669, Acts of 1957 as amended by Chapter 710, Acts
8 of 1967 and subject to the conditions set forth in this section
9 and after completing ten or more years of creditable service,
10 upon written application to the Commissioner of the Massa-
11 chusetts Commission for the Blind and after a hearing, if
12 requested subject to the conditions set forth in this section,
13 shall be retired for ordinary disability as of the date which
14 shall be specified in such application and which shall be not
15 less than fifteen days nor more than four months after the
16 filing of such application but in no event later than the maxi-
17 mum age for his group or earlier than the last date for which
18 he received regular compensation.

19 No such retirement shall be allowed unless the said Com-
20 missioner after such proof as he may require, including in any
21 event an examination by a physician or physicians and in-

22 cluding a certification of such incapacity and that it is deter-
 23 mined that such blind person is mentally or physically in-
 24 capacitated for further duty, shall find that such incapacity is
 25 likely to be permanent and that he should be so retired.

The Commission of Examiners

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Four

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD OFFICE FOR AN APPOINTMENT
 MADE UPON BASIS OF MERIT OR PROMOTION BY A MEMBER OF THE
 PUBLIC SERVICE.

Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives with amendments
 and amendments, and by the Governor of the State, on January

- 1 Chapter 607 of the acts of 1967, as most recently amended
- 2 by chapter 710 of the acts of 1967, is hereby further amended
- 3 by adding at the end of section one the following paragraph:
- 4 "Any such blind person who for reasons other than blindness
- 5 or deafness becomes fifty and permanently incapacitated for
- 6 future duty before attaining the maximum age as provided in
- 7 Chapter 607, Acts of 1967 as amended by Chapter 710, Acts
- 8 of 1967 and subject to the conditions set forth in this section,
- 9 and after completing one or more years of creditable service,
- 10 upon written application to the Commission of Examiners, if
- 11 Chapter 607, Acts of 1967 as amended by Chapter 710, Acts of
- 12 1967, is found to be eligible for promotion or transfer to any
- 13 position for which he is qualified, he shall be entitled to such
- 14 promotion or transfer as if he were not blind, provided that
- 15 not less than ninety days nor more than four months after the
- 16 date of such application but in no event later than the next
- 17 anniversary of the date of such application, he shall be eligible
- 18 to receive regular compensation.
- 19 No such retirement shall be allowed unless the said Com-
- 20 mission after such proof as he may require, including in any
- 21 event an examination by a physician or physicians and an