

By Mr. Kuss of Fall River, petition of Matthew J. Kuss relative to increasing the retirement of former police officers and fire fighters who retired under certain veterans' retirement laws. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE RETIREMENT PENSION OF FORMER POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS WHO RETIRED UNDER CERTAIN VETERANS' LAWS.

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 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 57B the following section:—

3 *Section 57C.* Any former police officer and firefighter of a city
4 or town who has been pensioned under the provisions of any non-
5 contributory retirement law for reasons of ordinary disability,
6 and who is a veteran as defined in section 1 of chapter 32 of the
7 General Laws, shall receive an additional yearly pension of an
8 amount not exceeding one-half the rate of regular compensation
9 payable to employees of such city or town, holding similar
10 positions at the time of increasing such allowance in the same
11 grade or classification occupied by such former employee at the
12 time of his retirement.

13 The increases granted under this section with respect to
14 pensions, retirement allowances or annuities payable by any city
15 or town or district shall take effect when accepted in a city having
16 a Plan D or Plan E charter, by the affirmative vote of two thirds
17 of all the members of the city council; in a city not having such a
18 charter by two thirds vote of the city council, subject to the
19 provisions of the charter of such city; in a town by a two thirds
20 vote at a town meeting; and in a district, by a two thirds vote of its
21 prudential committee.

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