

By Mr. Harrington of Newton, petition of Louis J. Rufo and others relative to placing all employees of cities and towns under the provisions of the "heart-law", so-called. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT PLACING ALL EMPLOYEES OF CITIES AND TOWNS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE "HEART LAW", SO CALLED.

*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 striking  
2 out section 94, as most recently amended by section 16 of  
3 chapter 1012 of the acts of 1971, and inserting in place thereof  
4 the following section:—

5 *Section 94.* Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or  
6 special law to the contrary affecting the non-contributory or  
7 contributory system, any condition of impairment of health  
8 caused by hypertension or heart disease resulting in total or  
9 partial disability or death to any employee of a city or town, or  
10 of the police force of the metropolitan district commission, or of  
11 the police force of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation  
12 Authority, or of the state police in the department of public  
13 safety, or of the capitol police, or of the public works building  
14 police, or to any employee of the registry of motor vehicles in  
15 the department of public works who entered the service of the  
16 registry as an investigator or examiner and performed police  
17 duty, or to any employee in the department of correction whose  
18 regular or incidental duties require the care, supervision or  
19 custody of prisoners, criminally insane persons or defective  
20 delinquents, or to any permanent crash crewman, crash  
21 boatman, fire controlman or assistant fire controlman employed

22 at the General Edward Lawrence Logan International Airport,  
23 shall, if he successfully passed a physical examination on entry  
24 into such service, or subsequently successfully passed a physical  
25 examination, which examination failed to reveal any evidence of  
26 such condition, be presumed to have been suffered in line of duty,  
27 unless the contrary be shown by competent evidence.