

By Mr. DeNucci of Newton, petition of A. Joseph DeNucci and another relative to placing all employees in unit five, law enforcement, under the "heart law", so-called. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PLACING ALL EMPLOYEES IN UNIT FIVE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, UNDER 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 chapter 1012 of the
3 acts of 1971, and inserting in place thereof the following section: —
4 *Section 94.* Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
5 special law to the contrary affecting the non-contributory or
6 contributory system, any condition of impairment of health caused
7 by hypertension of heart disease resulting in total or partial
8 disability or death to a uniformed member of a paid fire
9 department or permanent member of a police department, or of
10 the police force of the metropolitan district commission, or of the
11 state police in the department of public safety, or of the capitol
12 police or of the public works building police, or to any employee of
13 the registry of motor vehicles in the department of public works
14 who entered the service of the registry as an investigator or
15 examiner and performed police duty, or to any employee in the
16 department of correction whose regular or incidental duties
17 require the care, supervision or custody of prisoners, criminally
18 insane persons or defective delinquents, or to any permanent crash
19 crewman, crash boatman, fire controlman, or assistant fire
20 controlman employed at the General Edward Lawrence Logan
21 International Airport, or to enforcement officers of the division of
22 law enforcement in the department of natural resources and any
23 other employee in Unit Five, Law Enforcement, shall, if he
24 successfully passed a physical examination on entry into such

25 service, or subsequently successfully passed a physical examina-
26 tion, which examination failed to reveal any evidence of such
27 condition, be presumed to have been suffered in line of duty, unless
28 the contrary be shown by competent evidence.

29 As used in this section the words "permanent member of a police
30 department" shall include a permanent member of the park police
31 of a city or town.