

By Mr. Woodward of Walpole, petition of the Retired State, County & Municipal Employees Association of Mass., and Francis H. Woodward for legislation to provide for group life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance for elderly governmental retirees. Insurance.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR GROUP LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE FOR ELDERLY GOVERNMENTAL RETIREES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 10B of chapter 32A of the General Laws  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following sentence: — The commission shall  
4 negotiate with and purchase on such terms as it deems to be in the  
5 best interest of the commonwealth, certain political subdivisions  
6 that have accepted the provisions of this section and the elderly  
7 governmental retirees and their dependents, from one or more  
8 insurance companies or nonprofit hospital or medical service cor-  
9 porations a policy or policies providing two thousand dollars of  
10 group life insurance and two thousand dollars of group accidental  
11 death and dismemberment insurance and a policy or policies of  
12 group general or blanket insurance providing hospital, surgical  
13 and medical benefits for said retirees and their dependents.

1 SECTION 2. Paragraph (c) of Section 10B of said chapter 32A,  
2 inserted by section 2 of chapter 461 of the acts of 1964, is hereby  
3 amended by inserting after the words "medical", in line 7, the  
4 words: — and life.

1 SECTION 3. Section 11B of chapter 32B of the General Laws,  
2 as most recently amended by section 3 of chapter 461 of the acts of

3 1964, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “insur-  
4 ance”, in line 5, the words: — and group life and accidental death  
5 and dismemberment insurance.

1 SECTION 4. Said chapter 32B is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 11B the following section: —

3 *Section 11C.* Each elderly governmental retiree as defined in  
4 paragraph (f) of section two of chapter thirty-two A shall be  
5 automatically insured for one thousand dollars of group life and  
6 accidental death and dismemberment insurance commencing on  
7 the date he first become eligible or on the effective date of such  
8 coverage whichever last occurs; provided that any employee desir-  
9 ing not to be so insured shall on an appropriate form prescribed by  
10 the appropriate public authority give written notice at least thirty  
11 days prior to the effective date of the coverage or coverages to the  
12 treasurer of the governmental unit indicating that he is not to be  
13 insured for such coverages. If such notice is received before the  
14 employee shall have become insured under such policy, he shall not  
15 be so insured; but if he has been automatically insured and said  
16 notice is received after he has been insured, such notice shall be  
17 invalid. In order to terminate his insurance the employee may  
18 withdraw, and such insurance benefits shall cease to be effective on  
19 the date to which the premium as been paid. In determining said  
20 date, payroll deductions of the employee shall continue to be made  
21 until the expiration of fifteen days from the receipt of notice of  
22 withdrawal by the treasurer of the governmental unit. In the event  
23 an employee is not entitled to receive salary, wages or other com-  
24 pensation for a calendar month but may make direct payment of  
25 his required premium contribution, the appropriate public au-  
26 thority or administrator of the insurance plan shall provide for the  
27 giving of timely notice to the employee of his right to make pay-  
28 ment of the required premium contribution.

29 A county by vote of the county commissioners, a city having a  
30 Plan D or Plan E charter by the majority vote of its city council, in  
31 any other city by vote of its city council, approved by the mayor; a  
32 district, except as herein provided, by vote of the registered voters  
33 of the district at a district meeting; a regional school district by vote  
34 of the regional district school committee; a veterans' service district

35 by vote of the district board; a health district established under  
36 section twenty-seven A of chapter one hundred and eleven by vote  
37 of the joint committee, may provide that an elderly governmental  
38 retiree receiving a pension or annuity allowance having retired  
39 from the governmental unit may be insured for two thousand  
40 dollars of group life insurance and two thousand dollars of group  
41 accidental death and dismemberment insurance in lieu of the one  
42 thousand dollars of group life insurance as provided herein.

43 A town may provide such insurance coverage either by vote of  
44 the board of selectmen, or, by a majority of the votes cast if in the  
45 affirmative in answer to the following question which shall be  
46 printed on the official ballot: — Shall the town provide two thou-  
47 sand dollars of group life insurance and two thousand dollars of  
48 accidental death and dismemberment insurance for an elderly  
49 governmental retiree in lieu of one thousand dollars of group life  
50 insurance"? Acceptance of this section as aforesaid shall apply to  
51 all teachers classified as elderly governmental retirees.

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