

By Mr. Craven of Boston, petition of James J. Craven, Jr., relative to retirement benefits for certain public employees. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

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. The first paragraph of section 90A, as appearing
2 in chapter 452 of the acts of 1943 is hereby amended by striking out
3 said paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following para-
4 graph: —

5 Any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section in
6 the matter hereinafter provided may, in the case of a city by
7 two-thirds vote of the city council and with the approval of the
8 mayor, or, in the case of a town, by two-thirds vote at the annual
9 town meeting, increase the retirement allowance of any former
10 employee thereof who has been retired under any provisions of this
11 chapter or similar provision of earlier law on account of injuries
12 sustained or of hazard undergone in the performance of his duty, to
13 an amount equal to one-half the rate of regular compensation
14 payable to employees of such city or town holding similar posi-
15 tions, at the time of increasing such allowance, in the same grade or
16 classification occupied by such former employee at the time of his
17 retirement.

1 SECTION 2. The second paragraph of said section 90A of
2 chapter 32, as appearing in chapter 607 of the acts of 1970, is hereby
3 amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place
4 thereof the following sentence: — any metropolitan district police
5 officer who has been retired under any provision of this chapter or
6 similar provision of earlier law on account of injuries sustained or

7 of hazard undergone in the performance of his duty shall have his
8 retirement allowance increased to an amount equal to one-half the
9 rate of regular compensation payable to metropolitan district po-
10 lice officers holding similar positions at the time of increasing such
11 allowance in the same grade or classification occupied by such
12 former officer at the time of his retirement.

1 SECTION 3. Any police officer or firefighter who has been
2 retired under any provision of this chapter or similar provision of
3 earlier law on account of injuries sustained or of hazard undergone
4 in the performance of his duty shall have his retirement allowance
5 increased to an amount equal to one-half the rate of regular
6 compensation payable to police officers and firefighters holding
7 similar positions, at the time of increasing such allowance, in the
8 same grade or classification occupied by such former police officer
9 or firefighter at the time of his retirement.