

HOUSE No. 1344

Bill accompanying the petition of James F. Cavanagh for legislation to provide pensions for the District Police of the Commonwealth. Public Service. January 19.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

AN ACT

To provide Pensions for the District Police of the Commonwealth.

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. Any member of the district police who,
2 in the judgment of the governor, is disabled for useful
3 service in that department, and who is certified by a
4 physician, designated by the governor, to be per-
5 manently incapacitated either physically or mentally,
6 from a further performance of his duty therein by in-
7 juries sustained through no fault of his own, in the
8 actual performance of his duty, and any member of the
9 said department who has performed faithful service for
10 the commonwealth for not less than twenty years, and
11 is, in the judgment of the governor, incapacitated for

12 further service as a member of the said department shall,
13 if he so requests, be retired, and shall annually receive
14 a pension equal to one-half of the compensation received
15 by him at the time of his retirement.

1 SECTION 2. The governor is hereby authorized, in
2 case of emergency, to call upon any person pensioned
3 under this act for such temporary service as a district
4 police officer as he may be fitted to perform, and during
5 such service he shall be entitled to full pay.

1 SECTION 3. If any member of the district police
2 shall die from injuries received while in the discharge
3 of his duty, and shall leave a child or children under
4 the age of sixteen years, a sum not exceeding four hun-
5 dred dollars may be paid as an annuity to such widow
6 so long as she remains unmarried, or for the benefit of
7 such child or children so long as he or any one of them
8 continue under the age of sixteen years, and the gov-
9 ernor shall from time to time determine the amount of
10 such annuity within the aforesaid limits.

1 SECTION 4. Pensions and annuities granted under
2 this act, and all expenses connected therewith shall be
3 paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.