

By Mr. Danovitch of Norwood, petition of the Retired State, County and Municipal Employees Association of Massachusetts and Alan Paul Danovitch relative to state payment of fifty per cent of the health insurance premium required to be paid by the surviving spouse of an insured employee or retired employee. Insurance.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF FIFTY PER CENT OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM REQUIRED TO BE PAID TO THE GROUP INSURANCE COMMISSION BY THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF AN INSURED EMPLOYEE OR RETIRED EMPLOYEE.

*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 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 striking out section 11 and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following section: —

4 *Section 11.* Upon the death of an employee or retired  
5 employee insured under this chapter the surviving spouse may  
6 continue the group general or blanket insurance covering him-  
7 self or his dependents providing hospital, surgical, medical and  
8 other health insurance until the remarriage or death of said  
9 surviving spouse; provided, that application for such insurance  
10 coverage shall be filed with the commission and a method for  
11 the payment of premiums shall be determined in accordance  
12 with its rules and regulations; and provided further that said  
13 surviving spouse shall pay fifty per cent of a monthly premium  
14 for such insurance and the commonwealth shall contribute the  
15 remaining fifty per cent of said premium subject, where  
16 applicable, to reimbursement as provided under section ten B.  
17 Said commission shall determine the amount of said premium  
18 which may be the entire average group premium for hospital,  
19 surgical, medical and other health insurance applicable to an

20 employee, an employee and his dependents, or a premium  
21 computed on a basis considered by said commission to be  
22 equitable in relation to all insured employees and all former  
23 employees who have retired and who have continued such  
24 coverage under the provisions of section ten or are insured  
25 under the provisions of section ten B.