

By Mr. Coffey of West Springfield, petition of John F. Coffey for legislation to provide that certain members of the West Springfield Police Relief Association, Incorporated may upon pension or retirement from the police department of said town, be paid certain sums of money by said association in lieu of death benefits. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE WEST SPRINGFIELD POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED MAY, UPON PENSION OR RETIREMENT FROM THE WEST SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT, BE PAID CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY BY SAID ASSOCIATION IN LIEU OF DEATH 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 Any member of the West Springfield Police Relief Association,
2 Incorporated, a corporation duly established by law, shall, if he
3 so elects by writing filed with the secretary of said association
4 within sixty days after he is pensioned, because of service-
5 connected total disability or retired upon mandatory age or being
6 a veteran and credited with thirty years police service, from the
7 police department of the town of West Springfield, receive from
8 said association a sum equal to and in lieu of the death benefit
9 provided by the by-laws of said association, and he shall
10 thereupon cease to be a member of said association or entitled to
11 receive any benefits therefrom.

12 A member of said association shall, if he so elects, by writing
13 filed with the secretary of said association within sixty days after
14 he is pensioned or retired after twenty years of service or
15 pensioned because of total disability non-service connected, from
16 the police department of the town of West Springfield, receive a
17 sum equal to one half of the death benefit and maintain the
18 death benefit for the other half. If a member so elects to receive

19 a sum equal to one half of the death benefit, he shall pay one
20 half the membership dues thereafter.

21 Any member in good standing who is pensioned or retired on
22 or after the filing date of this act shall be entitled to all benefits
23 therein-stated, upon its enactment.

24 Any member of said association who was pensioned or retired
25 from such police department prior to the filing date of this act
26 shall remain a member of said association and entitled to its
27 death benefits.