

By Miss Howe of Somerville, petition of Marie E. Howe and another relative to establishing the veteran's retirement act of nineteen hundred and seventy-four. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE VETERAN'S RETIREMENT ACT OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR.

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

1 In accordance with Chapter 32 of the General Laws, sections
2 one through twenty-eight, the retirement law is hereby amended
3 by striking the second paragraph under subparagraph (h) of
4 subdivision (1) of section 4 and inserting in place thereof the
5 following paragraph: —

6 “Any such period of absence which is subsequent to his
7 becoming a member of such system shall be counted as
8 membership service provided that he would have been entitled to
9 such credit in the event he had continued in the active service of
10 such governmental unit during the period of time covered by
11 such a leave of absence. Any military service which is prior to his
12 becoming a member of such system shall be counted as
13 membership service for those veterans as defined in section one
14 and employed under Massachusetts Civil Service. In the case of
15 prior military service, such service shall be credited as member-
16 ship service up to and including a period of four years. Said
17 veteran shall pay in addition to his regular contribution the
18 amount due for military time said veteran applies to his
19 retirement benefits not to exceed seven per cent of the starting
20 salary for such position commencing with the year 1970”.

