

By Mr. Blanchette of Lawrence, petition of Kevin P. Blanchette, Daniel E. Bosley, Alvin E. Thompson, Pamela P. Resor and Brian S. Dempsey relative to appeals by public employees seeking disability pensions. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO APPEALS BY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES SEEKING DISABILITY PENSIONS.

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 sixth paragraph of subdivision (4) of section
2 16 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
3 striking the sixth paragraph and seventh paragraph and inserting
4 in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 The division of administrative law appeals shall submit to the
6 contributory retirement appeal board on an annual basis a report
7 on the status of all cases that have been assigned to said division
8 for a hearing; provided that said division shall also submit an
9 account of the expenses of such division incurred under the
10 provisions of this subdivision in connection with the administra-
11 tion of any hearing before said board. Said board shall submit
12 such report and such account of expenses to the commissioner
13 of the division of public employee retirement administration, who
14 shall reimburse said division of administrative law appeals for
15 such expenses; provided, however, that such expenses shall be
16 considered expenses of the division of the public employee
17 retirement administration for the purposes of subdivision (2) of
18 section twenty-one.

1 SECTION 2. Subdivision (1) of section 21 of said chapter 32,
2 as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof
3 the following clause: —

4 (e) The commissioner of public employee retirement shall pay
5 the expenses incurred by the division of administrative law appeals
6 under the provisions of subdivision (4) of section 16 in connection
7 with the administration of any hearing before the contributory
8 retirement appeals board.