

HOUSE No. 1386

By Mr. Hogan of Everett, petition of William F. Hogan for legislation to provide that inspectors in the Division of Inspection of the Department of Public Safety be entitled to the benefits of the so-called "heart law". Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT MAKING INSPECTORS IN THE DIVISION OF INSPECTION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS OF THE SO-CALLED HEART LAW.

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 94 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out
3 the first sentence and inserting in place thereof, the following
4 sentence: —

5 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law
6 to the contrary affecting the non-contributory or contributory
7 system, any condition of impairment of health caused by
8 hypertension or heart disease resulting in total or partial dis-
9 ability or death to a uniformed member of a paid fire depart-
10 ment or permanent member of a police department, or of the
11 police force of the metropolitan district commission, or of the
12 state police in the department of public safety, or of the
13 capitol police, or of the public works building police or to any
14 employee of the registry of motor vehicles in the department
15 of public works who entered the service of the registry as an
16 investigator or examiner and performed police duty, or to any
17 employee in the department of correction whose regular or
18 incidental duties require the care, supervision or custody of

19 prisoners, criminally insane persons or defective delinquents, or
 20 any inspector in the division of inspection of the department
 21 of public safety, or to any permanent crash crewman, crash
 22 boatman, fire controlman or assistant fire controlman em-
 23 ployed at the General Edward Lawrence Logan International
 24 Airport, shall, if he successfully passed a physical examination
 25 on entry into such service, or subsequently successfully passed
 26 a physical examination, which examination failed to reveal any
 27 evidence of such condition, be presumed to have been suffered
 28 in line of duty, unless the contrary be shown by competent
 29 evidence.