

By Mr. Lambert of Fall River, petition of Edward M. Lambert, Jr., for legislation to authorize certain credit for retirement for long-term public employees. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ALLOWING FOR CREDIT TOWARD RETIREMENT FOR LONG-TERM PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

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. Paragraph (a) of subdivision (1) of section 4 of
2 chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1988 Official
3 Edition, is hereby amended in line 8 by inserting after the word
4 "event" the following words: — , other than as provided in
5 paragraph (r) of this subdivision,

1 SECTION 2. Said subdivision (1) of said section 4 of said
2 chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the
3 following paragraph: —

4 (r) Any member in service of a retirement system who has
5 accumulated sick leave credit in his most recent employment
6 immediately prior to his retirement may establish such sick leave
7 credit as creditable service on a basis of one day of such sick leave
8 for one day of creditable service by depositing into the annuity
9 savings fund of the system in which he is a member an amount
10 equal to the amount which would have been withheld from his
11 regular compensation for such service. The provisions of this
12 paragraph shall take effect for the members of any retirement
13 system by majority vote of the board of such system, subject to
14 the approval of the legislative body. For purposes of this
15 paragraph, "legislative body" shall mean a town meeting in a
16 town, the city council in a city, the county retirement board in
17 a district. Acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred upon the

18 filing by the clerk of such legislative body of a certification of such
 19 votes with the commissioner. For the purposes of this paragraph,
 20 the state teachers' and the state employees' retirement systems
 21 shall be deemed to have accepted this paragraph.