

By Mr. Cox of Lowell, petition of the International Brotherhood of Correction Officers and John F. Cox for legislation to include certain county employees under the provisions of the "heart law", so-called. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five.

AN ACT TO INCLUDE CERTAIN COUNTY EMPLOYEES UNDER THE HEART LAW, SO-CALLED.

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

1 Chapter 32, Section 94 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding thereto the following new words: "or to any employee of a
3 county whose regular or incidental duties require the care, supervi-
4 sion or custody of prisoners, criminally insane persons or defective
5 delinquents." so that said Section 94 will read:

6 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to
7 the contrary affecting the non-contributory or contributory system,
8 any condition of impairment of health caused by hypertension or
9 heart disease resulting in total or partial disability or death to a
10 member of a police department, or of the police force of the
11 metropolitan district commission, or of the police force of the
12 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, or of the state police
13 in the department of public safety, or of the capitol police, or of the
14 public works building police, or to any employee of the registry of
15 motor vehicles in the department of public works who entered the
16 service of the registry as an investigator or examiner and performed
17 police duty, or to any employee in the department of correction
18 whose regular or incidental duties require the care, supervision or
19 custody of prisoners, criminally insane persons or defective delin-
20 quents, or to any permanent crash crewman, crash boatman, fire
21 controlman or assistant fire controlman employed at the General
22 Edward Lawrence Logan International Airport, or to any em-
23 ployee of a county whose regular or incidental duties require the

24 care, supervision or custody of prisoners, criminally insane persons
25 or defective delinquents shall, if he successfully passed a physical
26 examination on entry into such service, or subsequently success-
27 fully passed a physical examination, which examination failed to
28 reveal any evidence of such condition, be presumed to have been
29 suffered in line of duty, unless the contrary be shown by competent
30 evidence.

31 As used in this section the words "permanent member of a police
32 department" shall include a permanent member of park police of a
33 city or town.