

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MEMORANDUM OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH PURSUANT TO GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 7, WITH RESPECT TO PETITION OF PETER A. VELIS RELATIVE TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE WESTFIELD FIREMAN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION, AND PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN MEMBERS OF SAID ASSOCIATION MAY, UPON RETIREMENT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WESTFIELD, BE PAID A CERTAIN SUM OF MONEY BY SAID ASSOCIATION.

May 22, 1975.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

The above-named petition was transmitted to me by the Clerk of the House Committee on Rules on May 20, 1975, with a request for a memorandum.

Westfield Fireman's Mutual Relief Association was incorporated on October 19, 1876 under the provisions of chapter 375 of the acts of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed in the year 1874, approved June 27 in said year.

The bill before your honorable bodies recites that any member of the Westfield Fireman's Relief Association shall, if he so elects by a writing filed with the secretary of said association within sixty days after he is pensioned or retired from the fire department of the city of Westfield, and who has reached the age of fifty-five, received from said association a sum equal to and in lieu of the death benefit provided by the by-laws of said association, and he shall thereupon cease to be a member of said association or entitled to receive any benefits therefrom. If any member of said association who is pensioned or retired from said fire department does not make such election within sixty days after the effective date of this act, he shall remain a member of said association and entitled to any other of its benefits.

The subject matter of this bill comes within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Insurance Commissioner. It is, therefore, respectfully suggested that his opinion be sought on the merits of this legislation.

This office expresses no opinion on the merits of the bill, and no fee is required to be paid by a corporation of this type under the provisions of Chapter 3, Section 7.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL GUZZI,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

By Messrs. Velis and Lynch of Westfield, petition of Peter A. Velis relative to membership in the Westfield Fireman's Relief Association, and providing that certain members of said association may, upon retirement from the fire department of the city of Westfield, be paid a certain sum of money by said association. Insurance.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE WESTFIELD FIREMAN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION, AND PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN MEMBERS OF SAID ASSOCIATION MAY, UPON PENSION OR RETIREMENT FROM THE WESTFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT, BE PAID A CERTAIN SUM OF MONEY BY SAID ASSOCIATION.

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

1 Any member of the Westfield Fireman's Relief Association, a
2 corporation duly established by law, shall, if he so elects by a
3 writing filed with the secretary of said association within sixty
4 days after he is pensioned or retired from the fire department of
5 the city of Westfield, and who has reached the age of fifty-five,
6 received from said association a sum equal to and in lieu of the
7 death benefit provided by the by-laws of said association, and he
8 shall thereupon cease to be a member of said association or
9 entitled to receive any benefits therefrom. If any member of said
10 association who is pensioned or retired from said fire department
11 does not make such election within sixty days after the effective
12 date of this act, he shall remain a member of said association and
13 entitled to its death benefits, and, subject to the provisions of its
14 by-laws, entitled to any other of its benefits.

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