

By Mr. Harmon, a petition of the Retired State, County and Municipal Employees Association of Massachusetts, by Ralph White, president, and Samuel Harmon for legislation relative to the payment of allowances to widows and certain children of persons retired for ordinary disability and accidental disability. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES TO WIDOWS AND CERTAIN CHILDREN OF PERSONS RETIRED FOR ORDINARY DISABILITY AND ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY.

*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. Section 6 of chapter 32 of the General Laws is
- 2 hereby amended by inserting after subdivision (3) the follow-
- 3 ing subdivision: —
- 4 (4) in the event of the death of any member retired un-
- 5 der this section, his surviving widow to whom he was married
- 6 and with whom he had been living at the time of his retire-
- 7 ment, shall receive an allowance of one hundred fifty dollars a
- 8 month so long as she does not remarry, and if there are any
- 9 children of said deceased member who are under the age of
- 10 eighteen or over said age and physically or mentally incapaci-
- 11 tated from earning on the date of said employee's retirement,
- 12 and additional allowance of fifty dollars a month for one child
- 13 plus an allowance of thirty-five dollars a month for each ad-
- 14 ditional child shall be paid to the widow for the benefit of all
- 15 such children. If there is no surviving widow of such mem-
- 16 ber or his surviving widow dies, such amount as would be
- 17 payable to a widow under this section for her own use and
- 18 for the benefit of such children shall be paid in equal shares
- 19 for the benefit of such surviving children to a legally ap-
- 20 pointed guardian. If a widow remarries all payments under

21 the foregoing provisions shall terminate, and thereafter shall  
22 be paid for the benefit of each child thirty-five dollars a month  
23 allowance. Allowances otherwise payable to a widow shall  
24 terminate upon her remarriage and allowances otherwise pay-  
25 able or for a child shall terminate upon his adoption.

1 SECTION 2. Section 7 of said chapter 32 is hereby further  
2 amended by inserting after subdivision (5) the following sub-  
3 division: —

4 (6) In the event of the death of any member retired under  
5 this section, his surviving widow to whom he was married  
6 and with whom he had been living at the time of his retire-  
7 ment, shall receive an allowance of one hundred dollars a  
8 month so long as she does not remarry, and if there are any  
9 children of said deceased member who are under the age of  
10 eighteen or over said age and physically or mentally incapaci-  
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15 or his surviving widow dies, such amount as would be payable  
16 to a widow under this section for her own use and for the  
17 benefit of such children shall be paid in equal shares for the  
18 benefit of such surviving children to a legally appointed  
19 guardian. If a widow remarries all payments under the fore-  
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24 a child terminate upon his adoption.