

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 to increase the annual allowance for widows of certain public employees who retired for disability. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

**AN ACT INCREASING THE ANNUAL ALLOWANCE FOR WIDOWS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WHO RETIRED FOR 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 101 of chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out, in line 7, the words "twelve hun-  
3 dred" and inserting in place thereof the words: — eighteen  
4 hundred so as to read as follows: —

5 *Section 101.* In the event of the death of any former em-  
6 ployee who had been retired under the provisions of this  
7 chapter after having been found to be incapacitated for fur-  
8 ther duty by reason of injury sustained while in the perform-  
9 ance of his duties, under which retirement he was unable to  
10 provide for any annual allowance to be paid to his widow at  
11 the time of his death, there shall be paid to such widow an  
12 annual allowance in the amount of eighteen hundred dollars,  
13 for as long as she remains unremarried; provided, that any  
14 allowance payable under this section shall be in the alternative  
15 to any allowance to which such widow would be entitled under  
16 the provisions of any other section of this chapter. Any al-  
17 lowance which such widow may be receiving or any allowance  
18 which she may have potential rights to receive, based on  
19 her own service to the commonwealth or any political sub-  
20 division thereof, shall not make her ineligible to receive the  
21 allowance provided in this section. The allowance provided

22 by this section shall be paid by the same retiring authority  
23 and from the same source as the allowance payable to the de-  
24 ceased former employee referred to in this section.