HOUSE No. 4003

By Mr. McIntyre of New Bedford, petition of the Mass. Chiefs of Police Association and Joseph B. McIntyre for legislation to provide early retirement incentives for police officers and fire fighters employed before January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-five. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS EMPLOYED PRIOR TO JANUARY FIRST. NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE.

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

In any city or town that accepts the provisions of this section,

notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the 3 contrary, any police officer or firefighter classified in Group 4 of

the contributory retirement system, as such group is defined in

subparagraph (g) of paragraph (2) of section 3 of Chapter 32 of

the General Laws, who has been in continuous employment since

prior to January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-five, and who

has completed twenty-five years of creditable service, shall be

eligible to apply for and receive a superannuation retirement 9

allowance equal to three-quarters (3/4) of the average annual rate 10

of his regular compensation during any period of three consecu-11

tive years of creditable service for which such rate of compensa-12

tion was the highest. 13

Nothing contained in the provisions herein shall be construed to 14 preclude any police officer or firefighter from continuing to work 15

until otherwise becoming eligible for a superannuation retirement

16 allowance under any applicable provision of the General Laws. 17

This act shall take effect upon its passage. 18