

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**MEMORANDUM OF THE MASSACHUSETTS SECRETARY
OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN RESPECT TO THE
PETITION OF FRANK G. COUSINS, JR., RELATIVE TO
THE PAYMENT OF BENEFITS BY THE NEWBURYPORT
POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION, INC.**

March 31, 1995.

To The Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

On March 21, 1995, the Clerk of the House transmitted the above referenced petition and bill to me with a request for a memorandum pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 3, §7.

The Newburyport Police Relief Association, Inc. was organized on March 21, 1956. It was organized pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 176 for the purpose of paying death benefits not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) and disability benefits not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) per week. Membership in the corporation was limited to members and ex-members of the Newburyport Police Department.

Chapter 554 of the Acts of 1969 allowed the corporation to pay a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) to any member in good standing upon their retirement, and that said member receiving such monies upon their retirement shall cease to be a member of, or derive any benefits from, said corporation.

On February 7, 1995, the corporation amended its purpose to provide for a death benefit not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) and disability benefits not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per week.

The bill before you proposes to amend Chapter 554 of the Acts of 1969 by adding a new section which would authorize the corporation to pay a member in good standing who is retiring from the Newburyport police department an amount equal to the death benefit

provided in the by-laws of the Newburyport Police Relief Association, Inc., such payment to be made in lieu of any death benefit otherwise payable, and such member shall cease to be a member of the corporation if such payment is elected.

Special legislation is necessary to accomplish the desired result. This office has no opinion on the merits of the proposed bill. No fee is required to be paid the Commonwealth by a corporation of this type.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

By Mr. Cousins of Newburyport, petition of Frank G. Cousins, Jr., relative to the payment of benefits by the Newburyport Police Relief Associations, Inc. Insurance.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF BENEFITS BY THE NEWBURYPORT POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION, INC.

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 554 of the acts of 1969 is hereby amended by adding
2 the following section:—
3 Section 2. The Newburyport Police Relief Association, Inc. is
4 hereby authorized to pay upon the retirement from the police
5 department of the city of Newburyport of any member in good
6 standing, upon a written request filed with the secretary of the
7 Association within sixty days of such retirement, to such member
8 an amount equal to the death benefit provided for by the by-laws
9 of said Association which shall be in lieu of any death benefit
10 otherwise payable upon the death of such member and such
11 member shall cease to be a member.

