

SENATE No. 1477

By Mr. Hedlund, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1477) of Robert L. Hedlund and Caroline Habelt for legislation relative to state and municipal retirement benefits for spouses of disabled veterans. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO STATE AND MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR SPOUSES OF DISABLED VETERANS.

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 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 95B, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, the
3 following section:—

4 Section 95C. For the purpose of promoting the public good and in
5 consideration of the meritorious service of disabled veterans, the sur-
6 viving spouse of a deceased disabled veteran, who had a disability
7 rating of 10 per cent or greater, may be credited with the service ren-
8 dered by the deceased spouse for the purpose of determining a retire-
9 ment allowance under this chapter, provided that the spouse was an
10 active member of a system at the time of the death of the disabled
11 veteran. Eligibility for the creditable service shall be conditioned
12 upon payment into the system for the period of service rendered by
13 the deceased spouse based on the rate of payment made into the
14 system by the surviving spouse during the surviving spouse's first 2
15 years of employment.

