

By Mr. Pickett of Somerville, petition of the Retired State, County & Municipal Employees Association of Mass. and William A. Pickett that provision be made for a fifty per cent contribution by the Commonwealth towards premiums applicable to the additional group life insurance for active and retired employees of the Commonwealth and the removal of termination of coverage upon attainment of age seventy. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FIFTY PER CENT CONTRIBUTION BY THE COMMONWEALTH TOWARDS PREMIUMS APPLICABLE TO THE ADDITIONAL GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FOR ACTIVE AND RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE REMOVAL OF TERMINATION OF COVERAGE UPON ATTAINMENT OF AGE SEVENTY.

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. Paragraph 3 of section 10A of chapter 32A of
2 the General Laws as most recently amended by chapter 229 and
3 chapter 633 of the acts of 1969 is hereby further amended by
4 striking out said paragraph and inserting in place thereof the
5 following paragraph:—

6 With respect to any additional insurance which is in effect for
7 an employee or a retiree, there shall be withheld from each
8 payment of salary, wages, other compensation or pension
9 allowance fifty per cent of the premium for such insurance and
10 the commonwealth shall contribute the remaining fifty per cent of
11 said premium. Where the payment of said premium has not been
12 withheld from the employee's salary, wages, other compensation
13 or the retiree's pension allowance, payment by the employee or
14 retiree shall be made as provided in paragraph (b) of section
15 eight.

1 SECTION 2. Paragraph 5 of section 10A of chapter 32A of
2 the General Laws as most recently amended by chapter 229 of the

3 acts of 1969 is hereby further amended by striking out said
4 paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
5 paragraph:—

6 Upon retirement of an employee eligible for pension
7 allowances under any general or special law, his additional
8 insurance under this section shall be continued, except that upon
9 attainment of age seventy the additional amount of group
10 accidental death and dismemberment insurance as enumerated in
11 paragraph one of this section shall terminate and there shall be no
12 conversion privilege for said coverage. If, upon retirement, the
13 employee is insured under this section for group permanent
14 insurance the amount of such insurance may be continued or
15 reduced in accordance with the applicable schedule of insurance
16 hereby authorized to be established by the rules and regulations
17 of the commission. A retiree who, for reasons other than for non-
18 payment of premiums, terminates his insurance under this section
19 shall be entitled to a conversion privilege as provided in section
20 ten. A person who has retired and whose insurance under this
21 section has been terminated may be reinstated for the amount of
22 insurance in force at the time of retirement, except that if the
23 retiree has attained the age of seventy, reinstatement will not be
24 granted for the additional amount of group accidental death and
25 dismemberment insurance enumerated in paragraph one of this
26 section, provided that he submits proof of his physical condition
27 satisfactory to the commission.

1 SECTION 3. The first sentence of paragraph 2 of section 10A
2 of chapter 32A of the General Laws as reads:—

3 Each employee entitled to additional insurance under this
4 section shall file an application therefor with the commission on
5 an appropriate form prescribed by the commission, except that
6 an employee having such additional insurance who becomes
7 entitled to further additional insurance hereunder by reason of a
8 increase in annual salary shall automatically be insured for the
9 amount of such further additional insurance, to become effective
10 on the first day of the second month following the month in
11 which the increase was authorized, unless the employee notifies
12 the commission in writing on a form prescribed by it that he is not
13 to be so insured; and provided that such increase in salary has

14 been authorized for a period of time in excess of one year. — is
15 hereby amended to read: —

16 Each employee entitled to additional insurance under this
17 section shall file an application therefor with the commission on
18 an appropriate form prescribed by the commission, except that
19 an employee having such additional insurance who becomes
20 entitled to further additional insurance hereunder by reason of an
21 increase in annual salary shall automatically be insured for the
22 amount of such further additional insurance, to become effective
23 on the first day of the second month in which the increase was
24 authorized, or, on the first day of the earliest subsequent month
25 in which the increase was authorized if, as determined by the
26 commission, the aforesaid effective date of authorization prevents
27 timely withholdings from payrolls of the increased premium,
28 unless the employee notifies the commission in writing on a form
29 prescribed by it that he is not to be so insured, and provided that
30 such increase in salary has been authorized for a period of time in
31 excess of one year.

