

By Mr. Landers of Palmer, petition of Patrick Landers III that provision be made for emergency disabled retirement application procedures for public employees with terminal illnesses. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AN EMERGENCY DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR EMPLOYEES WITH TERMINAL ILLNESSES.

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 6(1) of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws
2 is hereby amended to insert the following paragraph between the
3 existing two paragraphs of the section:—

4 There shall be an emergency disability retirement application
5 procedure established for employees with fatal diseases. The
6 Retirement Board shall take action on such emergency application
7 within forty-eight hours of the receipt of the emergency applica-
8 tion and notification by the employee’s attending physician that
9 the employee is terminally ill.

10 Section 6, Subsection (3)(b) of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts
11 General Laws shall be amended to include the following para-
12 graph at the end of the subsection:—

13 In the case of an emergency application, as set forth in Sec-
14 tion 6(1) of Chapter 32, a regional medical panel shall be created
15 within five (5) business days from notification by the Retirement
16 Board that the emergency application has been approved. Any med-
17 ical examination pertaining to an emergency application shall be
18 conducted at the most convenient location for the applicant.

19 Section 6(4) of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws
20 shall be amended to include a subsection (3) to read as follows:—

21 (3) if an employee should predecease any of the steps outlined in
22 Section 6 of Chapter 32, the retirement shall be deemed approved.

