

By Mr. Casey of Winchester, petition of Paul C. Casey and Anne M. Gobi relative to creditable service in the public employee retirement system for certain veterans of the armed forces of the United States. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CREDITABLE SERVICE FOR VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (h)
2 of subdivision (1) of section 4 of chapter 32 of the General Laws
3 or of any other general or special law or rule or regulation to the
4 contrary, any member inactive who has been retired, is receiving a
5 retirement allowance and is a veteran who served in the armed
6 forces of the United States between January 1, 1940 and the termi-
7 nation of the Selective Service Act of 1948 shall be entitled to
8 credit for such service in the armed forces of the United States;
9 provided, however, that such service shall not be credited until
10 such member inactive who has been retired has paid into the
11 annuity savings fund of such system, in one sum or in install-
12 ments, upon such terms and conditions as the board may pre-
13 scribe, makeup payments, for each year of creditable service
14 sought, of an amount equal to ten per cent of the regular annual
15 compensation of the member inactive when said member inactive
16 entered the retirement system; provided, further, that such cred-
17 itable service shall not be construed to include service for more
18 than four years; provided further, that such creditable service shall
19 not be allowed for any period of active service for which said vet-
20 eran has received credit pursuant to paragraph (h) of subsec-
21 tion (1) of section 4 of chapter 32 of the General Laws or for
22 which said veteran receives a federal military pension; and pro-

23 vided, further, that any increase in the amount of retirement
24 allowance for any such member shall be effective beginning July
25 1, 2005.

1 SECTION 2. Section 4 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended in
3 line 132 by striking out the words “and who has completed ten or
4 more years of membership service”.

1 SECTION 3. Section 3 of chapter 71 of the acts of 1996 is
2 hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and
3 inserting in place the following paragraph:—

4 Members in service of a retirement system eligible for said
5 creditable service under this act shall make application for said
6 creditable service not earlier than the date of becoming eligible
7 and not later than 180 days after being notified by the retirement
8 board of their eligibility after becoming vested in the retirement
9 system, or for currently eligible members, within 180 days of the
10 acceptance of this act by the local legislative body.