

By Mr. Bellotti of Quincy, petition of AFSCME Council 93 and Michael G. Bellotti relative to cost-of-living adjustments for retired public employees. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

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 102 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as most
2 recently amended by Section 16 of Chapter 234 of the Acts of
3 1984, is hereby further amended by striking out paragraph (c) and
4 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 (c) In any case where such former employees, spouse, or other
6 beneficiary is receiving retirement allowance, pension, or annuity
7 which is nine thousand dollars or more exclusive of additional
8 annuity obtained by special purchase under paragraph (g) of sub-
9 division (1) of section twenty-two, or any similar law, the cost of
10 living adjustment shall be in an amount as determined by the
11 General Court to the sum of nine thousand dollars. Beginning
12 annually in July, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, whenever the
13 cost-of-living adjustment pursuant to paragraph (a) indicated an
14 increase or decrease in the cost-of-living of at least two percent,
15 the dollar amount of such increase or decrease as determined in
16 the first sentence of this paragraph shall be added to or deducted
17 from each retirement allowance, pension or annuity which is in
18 excess of twelve thousand dollars. The sum of the dollar amount
19 of such cost-of-living adjustments, together with the amount of
20 retirement allowance, pension, or annuity to which the cost-of-
21 living percentum factor is applied and any amounts in excess of
22 said twelve thousand dollars shall become the fixed retirement
23 allowance, pension, or annuity for all future purposes including

24 the application of subsequent cost-of-living adjustments in future
25 years; provided, however, that the limitation of this paragraph
26 shall continue to apply.