

By Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, petition of the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts and Kevin W. Fitzgerald that fire fighters classified under Group 4 be retired after twenty years of service. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF PAID FIRE DEPARTMENTS;
RETIREMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections one to twenty-eight
2 inclusive to the contrary any uniformed member of a paid fire
3 department classified under Group 4 who has performed as a fire
4 fighter for not less than twenty years shall at his own request by
5 retired by his retirement board. Upon retirement said fire fighter
6 shall receive a retirement allowance to become effective on the
7 date of said fire fighters retirement. Payments under such
8 allowance shall be made as provided for in sections twelve and
9 thirteen and the normal yearly amount thereof shall be agreed to
10 one-half of the annual coverage rate of his regular compensation
11 during the twelve-month period of his creditable service immedi-
12 ately preceding the date his retirement allowance becomes effec-
13 tive. Any member retired under the provisions of this section who
14 is a veteran as defined in section one shall receive an additional
15 yearly retirement allowance of fifteen dollars for each year of
16 creditable service or fraction thereof: — provided however that
17 the total amount of said additional retirement allowance shall not
18 exceed three hundred dollars in any case.

