

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1205

By Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, petition of the Boston Fire Fighters Local 718 and Kevin W. Fitzgerald relative to deaths caused by heart disease, hypertension, diseases of the lung and respiratory tract. Public Service.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DEATH CAUSED BY HEART DISEASE, HYPERTENSION, DISEASE OF THE LUNGS OR RESPIRATORY TRACT TO A PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER SUBSEQUENT TO 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 SECTION 1. Section 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws,  
2 any condition of impairment of health caused by hypertension or  
3 heart disease or any disease of the lungs or respiratory tract to a  
4 uniformed member of a paid fire department subsequent to retire-  
5 ment shall be presumed to have been suffered in the line of duty.

1 SECTION 2. Said presumption shall apply unless the contrary  
2 be shown by competent evidence to a uniformed member of a paid  
3 fire department for a maximum period of sixty months subsequent  
4 to retirement. A member of a paid fire department shall receive  
5 three months of vesting for each year of service for a total not to  
6 exceed sixty months in the aggregate.

