

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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MEMORANDUM OF THE MASSACHUSETTS SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN RESPECT TO THE PETITION OF REPRESENTATIVE ANTHONY P. GIGLIO RELATIVE TO THE MEDFORD POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED.

June 3, 1997.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

On May 15, 1997, the above-referenced petition was transmitted to me with a request for a memorandum pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 3, § 7.

The petition provides for a lump sum payment of five thousand dollars to any member who so requests such payment within six months of their retirement. Previously, any member could request an amount equal to fifty percent of the death benefit then payable to their family members, and this amount would then be subtracted from the remaining available death benefit funds. Pursuant to this act, payment of the amount shall fully satisfy all benefits the member may have otherwise been entitled to and upon payment of such sum, the membership in said corporation shall terminate.

Special legislation is necessary to accomplish the desired result. This office has no opinion on the merits of the proposed bill. No fee is required to be paid the Commonwealth by a corporation of this type.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

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By Mr. Giglio of Medford, petition of Anthony P. Giglio and another relative to the benefits paid by the Medford Police Relief Association, Incorporated. Insurance.

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BENEFITS PAID BY THE MEDFORD POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED.

*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 of chapter 239 of the acts of 1971, as amended by  
2 chapter 211 of the acts of 1992, is hereby further amended  
3 by striking out the second and third sentences and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following sentence:— Any member in good  
5 standing may, at his option and request, receive five thousand  
6 dollars from the association; provided, however, that he requests  
7 the same within six months after the date of his retirement; pro-  
8 vided, that such payment shall be in full satisfaction of all benefits  
9 hereunder to which said member would otherwise be entitled; and  
10 provided, further that upon payment of said five thousand dollars  
11 said member shall cease to be a member of the association.