

By Ms. Kaprielian of Watertown, petition of Rachel Kaprielian and other members of the General Court relative to extending maternity benefits to retired teachers. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

AN ACT TO EXTEND MATERNITY BENEFITS TO RETIRED TEACHERS.

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

1 Subdivision 1 of section 4 of chapter 32 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in chapter 114 of the acts of 2000, is hereby amended
3 by inserting after paragraph (g 1/2) the following paragraph:—
4 (g 3/4). The period or periods before 1975 during which any
5 retired member of the teachers retirement system or any retired
6 member of the State-Boston retirement system resigned for the
7 purposes of maternity leave or was on unpaid leave of absence for
8 such purposes from the governmental unit in which the member
9 was employed as a teacher and had established membership in a
10 Massachusetts contributory retirement system shall be allowed as
11 creditable service, on a proportionate basis which the board shall
12 determine according to rules and regulations adopted by the board
13 and approved by the commission. No credit shall be allowed
14 under the paragraph unless the teacher had completed 10 years of
15 service. The maximum creditable service allowable under this
16 paragraph for any member shall not exceed four years. In the
17 event that any such teacher's pension is less than \$10,000 annu-
18 ally then the base retirement figure shall be adjusted to a min-
19 imum of \$10,000 effective as of July 1, 2004.

By Mr. Speaker, the following bills were read and passed:

1. A bill to amend the act relating to the organization of the courts of this State, approved March 27, 1901, and to amend the act relating to the organization of the courts of this State, approved March 27, 1901, and to amend the act relating to the organization of the courts of this State, approved March 27, 1901.

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