

By Mr. Bowler of Springfield, petition of James J. Bowler that certain registered nurses be placed under the "heart law" so-called. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN PRESUMPTIONS RELATIVE TO HEART DISEASE OR HYPERTENSION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN REGISTERED NURSES.

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 94 of chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the first paragraph, as most recently
3 amended by chapter 610 of the acts of 1963, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law
6 to the contrary affecting the non-contributory or contributory
7 system, any condition of impairment of health caused by
8 hypertension or heart disease resulting in total or partial dis-
9 ability or death to a uniformed member of a paid fire depart-
10 ment or permanent member of a police department, or of the
11 police force of the metropolitan district commission, or of the
12 state police in the department of public safety, or of the
13 capitol police, or of the public works building police, or to any
14 employee of the registry of motor vehicles in the department
15 of public works who entered the service of the registry as an
16 investigator or examiner and performed police duty, or to any
17 employee in the department of correction whose regular or
18 incidental duties require the care, supervision or custody of
19 prisoners, criminally insane persons or defective delinquents, or
20 to any permanent crash crewman, crash boatman, fire control-
21 man or assistant fire controlman employed at the General
22 Edward Lawrence Logan International Airport, school atten-
23 dance officers, or public health nurses and other registered

24 nurses in the employ of the commonwealth or any political
25 subdivision thereof, caring for mentally or chronically ill, or
26 caring for other difficult to handle patients shall, if he success-
27 fully passed a physical examination on entry into such service,
28 or subsequently successfully passed physical examination,
29 which examination failed to reveal any evidence of such condi-
30 tion, be presumed to have been suffered in line of duty, unless
31 the contrary be shown by competent evidence.