

SENATE No. 1197

By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1197) of Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., for legislation relative to accidental disability. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY.

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 any general or special law to the contrary, or
2 the provisions of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, any
3 firefighter or police officer who retires on accidental disability, or
4 the so-called heart and lung law, who subsequently dies, the cause
5 of death shall be presumed to be the result of his accidental
6 disability.

7 However if the death occurs as a result of an accident, suicide,
8 riot, war, or insurrection and it can be proven that the retiree's
9 accidental disability did not contribute to the death the provisions
10 of this section shall not apply.

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