

By Mr. Walsh of Malden, petition of the Massachusetts Police Association for the establishment of a minimum survivors benefit for members of the contributory retirement system after fifteen years of service. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM SURVIVORS BENEFIT FOR MEMBERS OF THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM WITH A MINIMUM OF FIFTEEN YEARS SERVICE.

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 12B of chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following
3 paragraph:—

4 If a member in service including such a member in the uni-
5 formed division of the state police, who has not designated a
6 beneficiary under option (d) of subdivision (2) of section twelve
7 other than his wife and who has fifteen full years of creditable
8 service dies and leaves a wife to whom he has been married for
9 at least five years and with whom he was living at the time of
10 his death or whom the board finds has been living apart from
11 said member for justifiable cause other than desertion or moral
12 turpitude on her part, there shall be paid to such widow an
13 allowance of not less than one hundred and seventy dollars a
14 month.

15 If the widow remarries all payments under this paragraph
16 shall terminate and thereafter she shall receive the yearly amount
17 of allowance provided by option (d) of subdivision (2) of section
18 twelve to which she was entitled at the time of her husband's
19 death or the allowance provided by paragraph one of this sec-
20 tion whichever is the greatest.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

IN ANSWER TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

ON THE 12TH MARCH 1874, RELATIVE TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT

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