

HOUSE No. 2575

By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, petition of Frank M. Hynes relative to severance agreements negotiated by authorities. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT LIMITING SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS OF AUTHORITIES.

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

- 1 Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official
- 2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 31E the
- 3 following section:—
- 4 Section 31F. Any severance agreement negotiated by an authority,
- 5 as defined in Section 39 of Chapter 3, shall be based upon the
- 6 employee’s length of service with the authority. No cash awards
- 7 shall be made. Any consulting contract with the employee shall be
- 8 based on fees for services, with services clearly defined. Any pay-
- 9 ment of legal fees for such employee shall be made only for actions
- 10 of the employee made in good faith.