

HOUSE No. 2577

By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, petition of Frank M. Hynes relative to the pension benefits of surviving spouses of public employees who remarry. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT MODIFYING THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF CERTAIN WIDOWS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES.

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 1. Sections 9 and 100 of Chapter 32 of the General
2 Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, shall apply to the
3 surviving spouse of a member who remarried before July 1, 2000
4 and whose pension, upon remarriage, was terminated or otherwise
5 reduced under said Sections 9 or 100 of said Chapter 32.

1 SECTION 2. Option (d) provided in subdivision (2) of Section 12
2 of said Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as so appearing, shall apply
3 to the spouse of a deceased member who remarried before July 1,
4 2000 and whose pension, upon remarriage, was terminated or other-
5 wise reduced under said subdivision (2) of said Section 12 of said
6 Chapter 32.

1 SECTION 3. Section 101 of said Chapter 32 of the General Laws,
2 as so appearing, shall apply to the widow of a member who remar-
3 ried prior to July 1, 2000 and whose pension, upon remarriage, was
4 terminated or otherwise reduced under said Section 101 of said
5 Chapter 32.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall be prospective from the effective date
2 of this act and shall not entitle any surviving spouse, spouse of a
3 deceased member or widow to any retroactive benefits.