

HOUSE No. 2609

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington (by request), petition of Jerry Horgan for legislation to provide for retirement benefits earned by individuals employed for five years or longer in workshops for the training and employment of blind persons. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS EARNED BY INDIVIDUALS EMPLOYED FOR FIVE YEARS OR LONGER IN WORKSHOPS FOR THE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OF BLIND PERSONS.

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. St. 1957, c. 669, SS 1, 2 as amended is hereby fur-
2 ther amended by inserting the following new S 3:—
3 Section 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the con-
4 trary, including the foregoing Sections 1 and 2, any blind person
5 who was or has been employed in a workshop for the training and
6 employment of blind persons for five years or greater during any
7 period of such person's life and who, on or after January 1, 2000,
8 attains age seventy, shall as of the date of attaining age seventy be
9 entitled to the lifetime monthly grant established by and provided
10 pursuant to Section 2 of this statute. A person qualifying for this
11 monthly grant who attained age seventy prior to the effective date of
12 this Act shall receive the grant retroactive to the date such person
13 attained age seventy.

1 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.