

HOUSE No. 2680

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, petition of Eugene L. O'Flaherty relative to retired judges annual cost of living adjustments. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RETIRED JUDGES ANNUAL COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS.

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 32 of Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended
2 by adding Section 65L.
3 All Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, Appeals Court and
4 the several departments of the Trial Court who have reached the
5 mandatory retirement age of 70 by January 1, 2007 and after said
6 date, under the Massachusetts Constitution, Part II, c. 3, art. 1, as
7 amended by art 98 of the Amendments, shall be entitled to an
8 adjustment to their annual pension in an amount equal to, but not
9 more than, the Consumer Price Index as reported in the Wall
10 Street Journal on June 1 prior to the commencement of the next
11 fiscal year. This provision shall become effective in fiscal year
12 2008, shall apply to all retired justices and shall be retroactive to
13 Fiscal Year 2003.