

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2716

By Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow, petition of Mary S. Rogeness relative to the state pension system. Public Service.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE STATE PENSION SYSTEM.

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

1 Within 30 days of the death of a person receiving state  
2 retirement benefits, an executor, beneficiary, next of kin or a  
3 family member is required to provide the office of the treasurer  
4 notice of the death including: the member' name, current address,  
5 Social Security number or retirement number, date of death and  
6 the prospective beneficiary's name, address, and telephone  
7 number; or the name, address, and telephone number of the person  
8 handling the deceased member's affairs.

9 Within 60 days of notification by an executor, beneficiary or a  
10 family member of a member's death, the office of the treasurer  
11 will provide the appropriate survivor or survivors with informa-  
12 tion regarding survivor benefits and application requirements or  
13 notify the survivor or survivors that no survivor benefits are  
14 available.

15 Failure to notify the office of the treasurer within 30 days of  
16 death such will result in a fine of \$500.

17 The office of the treasurer is authorized to notify the attorney  
18 general or other law enforcement agency of violations of the  
19 section for proper prosecution.