

# SENATE NO. 1465

## **AN ACT** RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF A VETERAN FOR PUBLIC RETIREES

*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. Paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) of section 5 of chapter 32 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new sentences:- Upon acceptance  
3 of this provision by a retirement system, any member who is a veteran, as defined by clause  
4 forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 116 of the acts  
5 of 2004, and who retired under the provisions of sections 5, 10 (1) and 26 (3) of this chapter,  
6 before the effective date of said chapter 116, without receiving the additional yearly allowance  
7 as a veteran provided therein, shall receive such additional yearly allowance as a veteran under  
8 paragraph (b) of subdivision (2) of section 5 or paragraph (c) of subdivision (3) of section 26 of  
9 this chapter, whichever is applicable. Acceptance of this provision by a retirement system shall  
10 be by a majority vote of the board of each such system, subject to the approval of the legislative  
11 body. For the purposes herein, "legislative body" shall mean, in the case of a city, the city  
12 council in accordance with its charter, in the case of a town, the town meeting, in the case of a  
13 county, the county retirement board advisory council, in the case of a region, the regional  
14 retirement board advisory council, in the case of a district, the district members, and, in the case

15 of an authority, the governing body. Acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred upon the  
16 filing of a certification of such votes with the commission. For purposes herein, the state  
17 teachers' and state employees' retirement systems shall be deemed to have accepted this  
18 provision.