

HOUSE No. 2232

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel M. Donahue

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to provide fair and affordable public retiree benefits.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Daniel M. Donahue</i> | <i>16th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Mike Connolly</i> | <i>26th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i> | <i>12th Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Julian Cyr</i> | <i>Cape and Islands</i> |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i> | <i>25th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Mindy Domb</i> | <i>3rd Hampshire</i> |
| <i>Sean Garballey</i> | <i>23rd Middlesex</i> |
| <i>James K. Hawkins</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> |
| <i>Natalie M. Higgins</i> | <i>4th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i> | <i>4th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i> | <i>11th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i> | <i>17th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i> | <i>7th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i> | <i>11th Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Aaron Michlewitz</i> | <i>3rd Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Christina A. Minicucci</i> | <i>14th Essex</i> |
| <i>Rady Mom</i> | <i>18th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Brian W. Murray</i> | <i>10th Worcester</i> |

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| <i>James J. O'Day</i> | <i>14th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i> | <i>12th Hampden</i> |
| <i>David M. Rogers</i> | <i>24th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Daniel J. Ryan</i> | <i>2nd Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Thomas M. Stanley</i> | <i>9th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>José F. Tosado</i> | <i>9th Hampden</i> |
| <i>Steven Ultrino</i> | <i>33rd Middlesex</i> |
| <i>John C. Velis</i> | <i>4th Hampden</i> |
| <i>Timothy R. Whelan</i> | <i>1st Barnstable</i> |
| <i>Bud L. Williams</i> | <i>11th Hampden</i> |

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By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2232) of Daniel M. Donahue and others relative to cost of living adjustments, insurance and other benefits for certain public retirees . Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act to provide fair and affordable public retiree benefits.

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 (c) of section 102 of said chapter 32, as so appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is amended by striking out the figure “\$13,000”, each time it appears, and
3 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure: - \$18,000

4 SECTION 2. The provisions of section one of this act shall take effect for cost of living
5 adjustments to be made, in accordance with the provisions of section 102 of said chapter 32,
6 commencing July 1, 2019.

7 SECTION 3. Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025, paragraph (c) of section 102
8 of said chapter 32, is amended by striking out the figure “\$18,000”, each time it appears, and
9 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- sixty-five percent of the
10 maximum social security benefit for an individual worker retiring at full retirement age; provided
11 that, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029, paragraph (c) section 102 of said chapter 32,
12 is amended by striking out the words “sixty-five percent;”, each time it appears, and inserting in

13 place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- seventy-five percent; provided further that,
14 effective July 1, 2029 through June 30, 2033, paragraph (c) section 102 of said chapter 32, is
15 amended by striking out the words “seventy-five percent;”, each time it appears, and inserting in
16 place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- eighty-five percent; provided further that,
17 provided that, effective July 1, 2033 through June 30, 2037, paragraph (c) section 102 of said
18 chapter 32, is amended by striking out the words “eighty-five percent”, each time it appears, and
19 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- ninety-five percent; provided
20 further that, effective July 1, 2037, paragraph (c) section 102 of said chapter 32, is amended by
21 striking out the words “ninety-five percent”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof,
22 in each instance, the following words:- one hundred percent.

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24 SECTION 4. Section 9 of said chapter 32B, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is
25 hereby amended by inserting, after the first paragraph, the following paragraph: -

26 Reductions in the percentage of a governmental unit’s contributions to health premiums
27 for retired employees made after January 1, 2019 shall not apply to individuals who retire before
28 the change in contribution percentage takes effect.

29 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding chapter 32A or 32B of the General Laws, for retired public
30 employees over the age of sixty-five and not eligible for the federal Medicare program the
31 maximum amount of deductibles and copayments paid for covered services of group health
32 insurance provided in chapter 32A or 32B during an enrollment year shall not exceed \$2,500 for
33 individual coverage and \$5,000 for family coverage.