

HOUSE No. 01612

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kevin G. Honan

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to provide for appropriations by a city or town for a trust fund to provide for future liabilities of health insurance for retirees of such cities or towns..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Kevin G. Honan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

17th Suffolk

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By Mr. Kevin G. Honan of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01612) of Kevin G. Honan that cities, towns and other political subdivisions be authorized to establish trust funds to provide for health insurance liabilities for retired public employees. Joint Committee on Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 2467 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to provide for appropriations by a city or town for a trust fund to provide for future liabilities of health insurance for retirees of such cities or towns..

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 32B of the General Laws as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after section
2 3A a new section: In order to offset the anticipated cost of premium payments for or direct
3 payments to retired employees, and the eligible surviving spouse or dependents of deceased
4 employees pursuant to this chapter, cities, towns, counties, and districts may appropriate such
5 sums as may be approved by the appropriate legislative body. Such amounts shall be credited to
6 a special fund to be known as the post-retirement insurance liability fund. Any interest or other
7 income shall be added to and become part of such fund. The treasurer of the city, town, county or
8 district shall be the custodian of such fund. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the

9 contrary, the city council in a city, the selectman in a town, the town council or the district may
10 assign responsibility for investment of the monies in said fund to the retirement board of which
11 the employees of the participating unit are members, or the PRIT Fund. In any event, investment
12 of said monies shall take place in accordance with the standard set forth in subdivision (3) of
13 section 23 of chapter 32. Amounts may be appropriated to such fund for such purposes in a town
14 at an annual town meeting by a majority vote, and in a city by majority vote of the city council.
15 Amounts may be expended from such funds only in accordance with an actuarial schedule of
16 payments developed by the governmental unit's chief executive officer and approved by the
17 actuary in the division of insurance and designed to reduce to zero any unfunded liability
18 attributable to the payment of such premiums or direct payments. Such schedule shall be
19 designed to maintain such premium costs or direct payments as a fixed ration of the current and
20 predicted future payroll of the governmental unit or such other acceptable actuarial method that
21 is approved by the actuary in the division of insurance.