HOUSE No. 02412

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Garrett J. Bradley, (BY REQUEST)

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 relative to certain employees of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME: Garrett J. Bradley DISTRICT/ADDRESS: 3rd Plymouth

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By Mr. Bradley of Hingham (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2412) of Bradley relative to certain employees of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission Joint Committee on Public Service.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to certain employees of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any person employed

2 by the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, Department of Disability Determination

3 Services as an in-house medical consultant shall be eligible for membership in the state

4 retirement system pursuant to chapter 32 of the general laws and shall be considered an

5 employee for purposes of eligibility for health insurance under chapter 32A of the General Laws,

6 provided that they work a minimum of 18.75 hours per week. These persons shall also be

7 considered eligible for sick and vacation leave benefits.

8 SECTION 2. Subdivision 1 of section 4 of chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended9 by adding a new paragraph:-

10 Any person currently employed by the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission department of

11 disability determination services as an in-house medical consultant who prior to becoming a

12 member of the state employees' retirement system had been employed in a similar position on a contract basis shall be eligible to purchase up to four years of creditable service in the state 13 retirement system for time spent as an in-house medical consultant prior to membership. Before 14 any retirement allowance becomes effective for the member, makeup payments of an amount 15 equal to that which would have been withheld as regular deductions for the service had it been 16 rendered as a state employee, and had the individual been a member of the state employees' 17 18 retirement system during the period, must be paid in a lump sum or in installments. The sum to be paid shall include buyback interest on the amount and must adhere to the terms and conditions 19 20 prescribed by the State Board of Retirement. Eligible members who worked at least 18.75 hours per week as contract employees shall have their service credited in a proportional manner. 21