

HOUSE No. 2578

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Lawn, Jr.

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 further regulating group insurance benefits for state employees and retired state employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>

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By Representative Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2578) of John J. Lawn, Jr. and others relative to further regulating group insurance benefits for state employees and retired state employees. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2708 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act further regulating group insurance benefits for state employees and retired state employees.

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. Section 5 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 1, 2, 25 and 26 the word “five”, and
3 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word:- ten.

4 SECTION 2. Section 6 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby amend by
5 striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The amount
6 of group life insurance on each employee shall be ten thousand dollars, and the amount of group
7 accidental death and dismemberment insurance on each employee shall be ten thousand dollars,
8 except that those employees desiring to elect optional coverage in excess of ten thousand dollars

9 group life insurance and ten thousand dollars group accidental death and dismemberment
10 insurance may do so as provided in section ten A.

11 SECTION 3. The first paragraph of section 10 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is
12 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
13 sentence:- The commission shall require that, upon retirement of an employee, the policy or
14 policies of insurance as set forth in section six, except the optional group life insurance referred
15 to therein, shall provide that the ten thousand dollars of group life insurance, the ten thousand
16 dollars of group accidental death and dismemberment insurance and the group general or blanket
17 insurance providing hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance, as provided
18 under sections five and ten C, as may be applicable, shall be continued, provided said retiree
19 makes application to the commission on a form prescribed by the rules and regulations of the
20 commission.