

HOUSE No. 03474

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Garrett J. Bradley

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 CREDITABLE SERVICE FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

PETITION OF:

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

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By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Garrett J. Bradley relative to certain creditable service for public employees. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 72 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act RELATIVE TO CREDITABLE SERVICE FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Sub-section (1) of section 4 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2004 Official
2 Edition is hereby amended by inserting paragraph (g^{3/4}) as follows:

3 “An eligible member in service of the State Employees’ Retirement System as set forth herein
4 and subject to the following requirements of this paragraph shall be allowed to purchase as
5 creditable service the period or periods during which said member: (1) had resigned for the
6 purposes of maternity, paternity, adoption leave, to care for an ill immediate family member, or,
7 (2) was on unpaid leave of absence for such purposes from the governmental unit in which the
8 member was employed, and (3) for which no creditable service was granted; provided that at the
9 time of the resignation or leave of absence, as the case may be, the member was a member in

10 service in the State Employees' Retirement System. For purposes of this sub-section "immediate
11 family member" shall mean spouse, son, daughter or parent. Said creditable service shall be
12 determined by the State Board of Retirement according to rules and regulations adopted by the
13 Board;

14 Provided that no credit shall be allowed unless and until such eligible member has paid into the
15 Annuity Savings Fund of the State Employees' Retirement System in one sum or in installments,
16 upon such terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe, an amount equal to the deductions
17 that would have been withheld had the member continued in service notwithstanding the
18 resignation or leave of absence, as determined by the Board, together with buyback interest;
19 provided further, that no credit shall be allowed, unless an eligible member can certify that
20 during the period or periods in question she did not engage in gainful employment or receive
21 income from employment.

22 An otherwise eligible member shall have completed ten or more years of membership service as
23 a member of the State Employees' Retirement System in order to qualify and receive credit for
24 the service purchase under this paragraph. The maximum creditable service allowable under this
25 paragraph for any member shall not exceed four years, regardless of the period of time
26 subsequent to a resignation or the number of leaves taken.

27 The provisions of this paragraph shall apply only to those otherwise eligible members of the
28 State Employees' Retirement System who are in active service as of the effective date of this
29 Act, or become members in active service subsequent to the effective date of this Act.

30 This paragraph may apply to eligible members in service of a public employee retirement system
31 governed by c.32, upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the board of such system, subject to

32 the approval of the legislative body. For the purpose of this paragraph, “legislative body” shall
33 mean, in the case of a city, the city council in accordance with its charter, in the case of a town,
34 the town meeting, in the case of a county, the county retirement board advisory council, in the
35 case of a district, the district members, and, in the case of an authority, the governing body.”