

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1401**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas M. McGee*

*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 relative to ordinary disability retirements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Thomas M. McGee*

*James B. Eldridge*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Third Essex*

*Middlesex and Worcester*

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By Mr. McGee, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1401) of Thomas M. McGee and James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to ordinary disability retirements. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to ordinary disability retirements.

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

1           Subdivision (2) of section 6 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by  
2 inserting the following new paragraph:-

3           (e) Upon acceptance of this paragraph by a retirement system, payments to a member  
4 retired under the provisions of this section shall be no less than the monthly payment to a  
5 disabled individual, with the same marital status and living situation, under the state  
6 supplemental security income program. Acceptance of this paragraph shall be by a majority vote  
7 of the board of each such system, subject to the approval of the legislative body. For the  
8 purposes herein, "legislative body" shall mean, in the case of a city, the city council in  
9 accordance with its charter, in the case of a town, the board of selectmen, in the case of a county,  
10 the county retirement board advisory council, in the case of a region, the regional retirement  
11 board advisory council, in the case of a district, the district members, and, in the case of an  
12 authority, the governing body. Acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred upon the filing of a

13 certification of such votes with the commission. For purposes herein, the state teachers' and  
14 state employees' retirement systems shall be deemed to have accepted this paragraph.