

SENATE No. 1481

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James E. Timilty

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 to provide fair and affordable public retiree benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>James E. Timilty</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>

<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Juana Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>

<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Dylan Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/7/2017</i>

Adam G. Hinds

*Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and
Hampden*

2/7/2017

SENATE No. 1481

By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1481) of James E. Timilty, Aaron Vega, Jack Lewis, Brendan P. Crighton and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide fair and affordable public retiree benefits. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to provide fair and affordable public retiree benefits.

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. Paragraph (c) of section 102 of said chapter 32, as so appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is amended by striking out in lines 32, 36 and 43 the dollar amount \$13,000 and
3 inserting in place thereof the following dollar amount: - \$16,000.

4 SECTION 2. Section 9 of said chapter 32B, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is
5 hereby amended by inserting, after the first paragraph, the following paragraph:-

6 Reductions in the percentage of a governmental unit’s contributions to premiums for
7 retired employees made after January 1, 2017 shall not apply to individuals who retire before the
8 change in contribution percentage takes effect.

9 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding chapter 32A or 32B of the General Laws, for retired public
10 employees over the age of sixty five and not eligible for the federal Medicare program the
11 maximum amount of deductibles and copayments paid for covered services of group health

12 insurance provided in chapter 32A or 32B during an enrollment year shall not exceed \$2,500 for
13 individual coverage and \$5,000 for family coverage.

14 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, there shall be
15 established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate fund, to be known as the
16 Medicare Ineligible Retiree Mitigation Fund. The fund shall be used be administered by the
17 Group Insurance Commission. The commission may expend amounts in the account to pay the
18 costs of deductibles and copayments for covered services of retired employees defined in section
19 3 of this act that exceed \$2,500 for individual coverage and \$5,000 for family coverage but are
20 less than \$5,000 and \$10,000 respectively.

21 SECTION 5. The provisions of section one of this act shall take effect for cost of living
22 adjustments to be made, in accordance with the provisions of section 102 of said chapter 32,
23 commencing July 1, 2017.