

SENATE No. 2113

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, Monday, January 25, 2016

The committee on Public Service to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1997) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James E. Timilty and Paul W. Mark for legislation relative to group insurance costs for certain public retirees,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2113).

For the committee,
James E. Timilty

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An Act relative to group insurance costs for certain public retirees.

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 6 of chapter 32A is hereby further amended by inserting at the end
2 thereof the following new paragraph:-

3 The commission shall establish a health reimbursement arrangement for retired state
4 employees whose pension benefit is less than the average pension benefit for members of the
5 state retirement system, as reported in the most recent state retirement system actuarial valuation
6 report by the public employee retirement administration commission. The commonwealth shall
7 deposit its share of the federal subsidies, that it receives from the retiree drug subsidy program
8 under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (P.L. 108-
9 173), into the health reimbursement arrangement established by the commission. The
10 commission may expend amounts in the health reimbursement arrangement to reimburse a
11 retired state employee, whose pension benefit is less than the amount set forth above, for
12 deductibles and copayments they have paid in a fiscal year for covered services that exceed
13 maximum amounts determined by the commission; provided, however, that the health
14 reimbursement arrangement shall not reimburse for deductibles and copayments that exceed the

15 maximum amounts of deductibles and copayments for covered services in the active plans being
16 provided by the commission. The commission may expend amounts in the health reimbursement
17 arrangement for the costs of administering the arrangement.”