

HOUSE No. 2429

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John W. Scibak

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 to clarify Chapter 32B, Section 9A1/2.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John W. Scibak

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Hampshire

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2429) of John W. Scibak relative to the contribution for insurance premiums of retired employees. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to clarify Chapter 32B, Section 9A1/2.

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 9A 1/2 of Chapter 32B of the General Laws is hereby stricken in its
2 entirety and replaced with the following section:-

3 Section 9A1/2. Whenever a retired employee or beneficiary receives a healthcare
4 premium contribution from a governmental unit, as defined by Chapter 32B, in a case where a
5 portion of the retiree’s creditable service is attributable to service in 1 or more other
6 governmental units, the first governmental unit shall be reimbursed in accordance with this
7 paragraph by the other governmental units for the portion of the premium contributions that
8 corresponds to the percentage of the retiree’s creditable service that is attributable to each
9 governmental unit. For the purpose of this section the other governmental units shall be assumed
10 to contribute 50% of the premium cost for the plan/plans in which the retiree and their
11 dependents were enrolled in for the prior fiscal year and any calculation shall be based on that
12 amount.

13 Each Chapter 32 retirement board operating under the provisions of Chapter 32 under the
14 General Laws shall annually on or by December 1 certify and distribute to the treasurer of each
15 member unit the amount of creditable service for each individual with creditable service from
16 more than one governmental unit who retired after January 1, 2011. Upon certification from their
17 retirement board of such creditable service under Chapter 32 of any individual who retired on or
18 after January 1, 2011, the treasurer of the first governmental unit may annually, on or before
19 January 15, notify the treasurer of the other governmental units of the amount of reimbursement
20 due for the previous fiscal year. The treasurer of the other governmental unit shall immediately
21 take all necessary steps to insure prompt payment of this amount. Any governmental unit
22 receiving a bill may pay the bill from its current health benefits appropriation or from any other

23 funds that may be available for such purposes. In default of any such payment, the first
24 governmental unit may maintain an action of contract to recover the same.