

SENATE No. 1430

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 further regulating group insurance benefits for state employees and retired state employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. McGee, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1430) of Thomas M. McGee, Patricia D. Jehlen and Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to further regulate group insurance benefits for state employees and retired state employees. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1400 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act further regulating group insurance benefits for state employees and retired state employees.

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 5 of Chapter 32A of the General Laws, is hereby amended by
2 striking out in lines 1, 2, 24 and 25 the word “five”, and inserting in place thereof, in each
3 instance, the word:- ten.

4 SECTION 2. Section 6 of said Chapter 32A, is hereby amend by striking out the first
5 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The amount of group life
6 insurance on each employee shall be ten thousand dollars, and the amount of group accidental
7 death and dismemberment insurance on each employee shall be ten thousand dollars, except that
8 those employees desiring to elect optional coverage in excess of ten thousand dollars group life

9 insurance and ten thousand dollars group accidental death and dismemberment insurance may do
10 so as provided in section ten A.

11 SECTION 3. The first paragraph of Section 10 of said Chapter 32A, is hereby amended
12 by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The
13 commission shall require that, upon retirement of an employee, the policy or policies of
14 insurance as set forth in section six, except the optional group life insurance referred to therein,
15 shall provide that the ten thousand dollars of group life insurance, the ten thousand dollars of
16 group accidental death and dismemberment insurance and the group general or blanket insurance
17 providing hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance, as provided under
18 sections five and ten C, as may be applicable, shall be continued, provided said retiree makes
19 application to the commission on a form prescribed by the rules and regulations of the
20 commission.