

SENATE No. 1524

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Feeney

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 authorize a local option for group retirement classification.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Paul R. Feeney</i> | <i>Bristol and Norfolk</i> | |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i> | <i>Second Worcester</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>James K. Hawkins</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> | <i>2/11/2019</i> |
| <i>John Barrett, III</i> | <i>1st Berkshire</i> | <i>2/14/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1524) of Paul R. Feeney, James B. Eldridge, Michael O. Moore, James K. Hawkins and others for legislation to authorize a local option for group retirement classification. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1427 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act to authorize a local option for group retirement classification.

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

1 Paragraph (g) of subdivision (2) of section 3 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after line 326 the following new paragraph:-

3 Any municipality or public authority may elect to improve the retirement group
4 classification for any group of employees of the municipality or the public authority upon its
5 acceptance in the following manner: in a city having a Plan D or a Plan E charter by majority
6 vote of its city council and approved by the manager; in any other city by majority vote of the
7 city council and approved by the mayor; in a town by vote of the board of selectmen; in a public
8 authority by majority vote of the authority governing board. Nothing in this act shall be
9 construed as authorization to diminish the retirement benefits of public employees by placing
10 any group of employees in a lower group of classification.