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December 15, 2015

William F. Welch, Senate Clerk
Office of the Clerk of the Senate
State House, Room 335
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Welch:

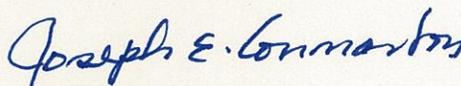
In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7, Section 50 of the General Laws, I am pleased on behalf of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC), to file amendments to the rules and regulations governing retirement of public employees in Massachusetts (840 CMR 10.00).

These regulatory amendments are necessary to regulate the disability retirement system. The regulations mandate the process to be used by retirement boards when a member files for disability retirement. They also detail the process for continued medical evaluations of disability recipients and the process for return disabled members to service.

Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 7, § 50, the clerks shall refer this matter to the appropriate standing committee of the General Court. If the General Court takes no final action relative to the regulations within forty-five days of the date said regulations are referred to the appropriate committee, the General Court not having prorogued within said forty-five days, the regulations shall be deemed to be approved. Within fifteen days of receipt of any recommendations, the committee shall transmit in writing to PERAC its suggestions, if any, for modifications in recommended regulations. Within fifteen days of receipt of the committee's suggestions, PERAC shall resubmit the regulations to the committee, together with any modifications made to them.

If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Joseph E. Connarton
Executive Director

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