HOUSE No. 3624

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John H. Rogers

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 relative to the allowance of a former public employee upon re-entering public service to be vested for retirement upon payment of a full buy back of the necessary years to be vested and eligible for retirement upon re-entering public service.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:DATE ADDED:John H. Rogers12th Norfolk4/16/2015

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By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John H. Rogers relative to the employment status of certain former public employees. Public Service.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court (2015-2016)

An Act relative to the allowance of a former public employee upon re-entering public service to be vested for retirement upon payment of a full buy back of the necessary years to be vested and eligible for retirement upon re-entering public service.

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

1 Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition is hereby 2 amended as that portion that requires an individual re-entering public service regardless of how 3 much they pay to buy back into the system must work two years to be reinstated and fully vested 4 for retirement eligibility, by inserting an exemption from the requirement of the additional two 5 year work period for someone who has attained the age threshold (age 60) and fully buys back 6 into the system for all years necessary to fill the gap in years of service between their last public 7 service employment and the current public service employment, allowing the person to be fully 8 vested and eligible for retirement upon making said full payment into the retirement system 9 under their current public service employment; thereby allowing those people that have 10 successfully bought back 100% of their credible time and who were vested in the Public 11 Retirement System to retain their eligibility, absent of the two year service period.