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SENATE . . . . . No. 1406

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 cost of living adjustment for public retirees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Marc R. Pacheco	*First Plymouth and Bristol*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*
Michael D. Brady	*Second Plymouth and Bristol*
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	*3rd Berkshire*

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1406) of Marc R. Pacheco, Michael D. Brady and Tricia Farley-Bouvier for legislation relative to the cost of living adjustment for public retirees. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *1263* OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the cost of living adjustment for public retirees.

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

SECTION 1. Paragraph (c) of section 102 of said chapter 32, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is amended by striking out in lines 32, 36 and 43 the dollar amount "$13,000", and inserting in place thereof the following words: - $14,000 in fiscal year 2016, $15,000 in fiscal year 2017 and $16,000 in fiscal year 2018.

SECTION 2. Subdivision (2A) of section 23 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is amended by inserting the following paragraph:-

(k) Beginning March 2018 and each March thereafter, the PRIM board shall file with the clerk of the house of representatives a report on the average rate of return on investments by the board during the last two previous years, including a statement whether the average rate of return

10 during the last two previous years exceeds, by two percent, the average of the assumed rate of
11 return for those two years.

12 SECTION 3. Section 102 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is amended by inserting at
13 the end thereof the following paragraph: -

14 (h) Beginning March 2018 and each March thereafter, the PRIM board shall file with the
15 clerk of the house of representatives the report prepared in accordance with paragraph (k) of
16 subdivision (2A) of section 23. If said report states that the average rate of return on investments
17 during the last two previous years exceeds, by two percent, the average of the assumed rate of
18 return for those two years, the general court shall then determine if an increase in the dollar
19 amount set forth in said paragraph (c) is appropriate and if so, establish the higher dollar amount
20 to be set forth in said paragraph (c).