# **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 2232**

### The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

#### Daniel M. Donahue

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 provide fair and affordable public retiree benefits.

#### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Daniel M. Donahue	16th Worcester	1/15/2019
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex	1/28/2019
Daniel R. Cullinane	12th Suffolk	1/31/2019
Julian Cyr	Cape and Islands	2/1/2019
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex	1/31/2019
Mindy Domb	3rd Hampshire	1/30/2019
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex	1/26/2019
James K. Hawkins	2nd Bristol	1/31/2019
Natalie M. Higgins	4th Worcester	1/24/2019
Patrick Joseph Kearney	4th Plymouth	2/1/2019
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	2/1/2019
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	17th Worcester	2/1/2019
Jack Patrick Lewis	7th Middlesex	2/1/2019
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk	2/1/2019
Aaron Michlewitz	3rd Suffolk	2/1/2019
Christina A. Minicucci	14th Essex	1/31/2019
Rady Mom	18th Middlesex	1/28/2019
Brian W. Murray	10th Worcester	1/30/2019

James J. O'Day	14th Worcester	1/29/2019
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden	1/28/2019
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex	1/28/2019
Daniel J. Ryan	2nd Suffolk	2/1/2019
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex	2/1/2019
José F. Tosado	9th Hampden	1/30/2019
Steven Ultrino	33rd Middlesex	1/30/2019
John C. Velis	4th Hampden	1/30/2019
Timothy R. Whelan	1st Barnstable	1/24/2019
Bud L. Williams	11th Hampden	1/30/2019

## **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 2232**

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2232) of Daniel M. Donahue and others relative to cost of living adjustments, insurance and other benefits for certain public retirees. Public Service.

### The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

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

An Act to provide fair and affordable public retiree benefits.

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. Paragraph (c) of section 102 of said chapter 32, as so appearing in the 2016
- 2 Official Edition, is amended by striking out the figure "\$13,000", each time it appears, and
- 3 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following figure: \$18,000
- 4 SECTION 2. The provisions of section one of this act shall take effect for cost of living
- 5 adjustments to be made, in accordance with the provisions of section 102 of said chapter 32,
- 6 commencing July 1, 2019.
- 7 SECTION 3. Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025, paragraph (c) of section 102
- 8 of said chapter 32, is amended by striking out the figure "\$18,000", each time it appears, and
- 9 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- sixty-five percent of the
- maximum social security benefit for an individual worker retiring at full retirement age; provided
- that, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029, paragraph (c) section 102 of said chapter 32,
- is amended by striking out the words "sixty-five percent;", each time it appears, and inserting in

place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- seventy-five percent; provided further that, effective July 1, 2029 through June 30, 2033, paragraph (c) section 102 of said chapter 32, is amended by striking out the words "seventy-five percent;", each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- eighty-five percent; provided further that, provided that, effective July 1, 2033 through June 30, 2037, paragraph (c) section 102 of said chapter 32, is amended by striking out the words "eighty-five percent", each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- ninety-five percent; provided further that, effective July 1, 2037, paragraph (c) section 102 of said chapter 32, is amended by striking out the words "ninety-five percent", each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- one hundred percent.

SECTION 4. Section 9 of said chapter 32B, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the first paragraph, the following paragraph: -

Reductions in the percentage of a governmental unit's contributions to health premiums for retired employees made after January 1, 2019 shall not apply to individuals who retire before the change in contribution percentage takes effect.

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding chapter 32A or 32B of the General Laws, for retired public employees over the age of sixty-five and not eligible for the federal Medicare program the maximum amount of deductibles and copayments paid for covered services of group health insurance provided in chapter 32A or 32B during an enrollment year shall not exceed \$2,500 for individual coverage and \$5,000 for family coverage.