

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE
2025-2026 (194th) BILL SUMMARY

Bill Number: H.2910
Title: *An Act relative to state police pensions*
Sponsor(s): Rep. Paul McMurtry (*Dedham*)
Hearing Date: July 9, 2025
Reporting Deadline: September 7, 2025

Prior History:

2023-24 (H.2602): Ordered to a House Study

CURRENT LAW:

M.G.L. c. 32 § 26 – Retirement of officers in department of state police: This section contains the process of state police to receive accidental disability benefits and superannuation retirement. Specifically, paragraph (c) of subdivision 3 details the amount of retirement allowance the members classified in group 3 will receive after they retire due to attaining the mandatory retirement age. The normal yearly allowance amount will equal 60 percent of the member's average rate of regular compensation during the 12-month period of creditable service immediately preceding their retirement. However, members who began working before April 2, 2012 will have their amount increased by one-twelfth of three percent for each month of service rendered after 20 years but before the last day of the month that the member will reach the age of 55. For members who became members after April 2, 2012, the normal yearly allowance amount will be equal to 50 percent of the average annual rate of the member's regular compensation during the 12-month period of the member's creditable service immediately preceding the date the member's retirement allowance becomes effective, and the total amount of the allowance shall be increased by one-twelfth of 2.5 per cent for each full month of service in excess of 20 years of service and prior to the last day of the month in which such member will reach the age of 55. For these members, their retirement allowance also cannot exceed 75 percent of the regular compensation used to calculate the allowance amount.

SUMMARY:

This bill amends Chapter 32 Section 26 by striking paragraph (c) of subdivision 3 and inserting new language. The total amount of the allowance shall be increased by one-twelfth of three percent for each full month of service in excess of twenty years of service and prior to the last day of the month in which such member will reach the age of fifty-five and such retirement allowance shall

in no case exceed seventy-five percent of such regular compensation. This language eliminates the different calculations used for members depending on if they became members on or after April 2, 2012.