

# House, No. 242

## Presented by: [Representative Thomas J. O'Brien](#)

Petition of the Retired State, County and Municipal Employees Association of Massachusetts, Thomas J. O'Brien, Michael R. Knapik, Charles E. Shannon, David L. Flynn and Thomas M. McGee for legislation to further regulate group insurance benefits for employees of the Commonwealth and retired state employees.

01/01/03 H Referred to the committee on [Public Service](#)

01/01/03 S Senate concurred

Public Hearing date Nov 20 am at 10:00 in Room B-2

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### The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

#### AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING GROUP INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES AND RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEES.

*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. Section 5 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in the lines 1, 2, 23, and 24, the word "five", and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word:— ten

SECTION 2. Section 6 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— The amount of group life insurance on each employee shall be ten thousand dollars, and the amount of group accidental death and dismemberment insurance on each employee shall be ten thousand dollars, except that those employees desiring to elect optional coverage in excess of ten thousand dollars group life insurance and ten thousand dollars group accidental death and dismemberment insurance may do so as approved in section 10A.

SECTION 3. The first paragraph of section 10 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— The commission shall require that, upon retirement of an employee, the policy or policies of insurance as set forth in section six, except the optional group life insurance referred to therein, shall provide that the ten thousand dollars of group life insurance, the ten thousand dollars of group accidental death and dismemberment insurance and the group general or blanket insurance providing hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance, as provided under sections five and ten C, as may be applicable, shall be continued, provided said retiree makes application to the commission on a form prescribed by the rules and regulations of the commission.