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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to pension equality.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*4th Hampden*
Marc T. Lombardo	*22nd Middlesex*
Angelo L. D'Emilia	*8th Plymouth*
Randy Hunt	*5th Barnstable*
Geoff Diehl	*7th Plymouth*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*
Shaunna O'Connell	*3rd Bristol*
Susan Williams Gifford	*2nd Plymouth*
George T. Ross	*2nd Bristol*
Daniel K. Webster	*6th Plymouth*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
Kevin J. Kuros	*8th Worcester*
Ryan C. Fattman	*18th Worcester*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
Daniel B. Winslow	*9th Norfolk*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*
Matthew A. Beaton	*11th Worcester*

Nicholas A. Boldyga	*3rd Hampden*
Steven L. Levy	*4th Middlesex*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*
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Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2465) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to pension equity for retirement public employees. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *2476* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act relative to pension equality.

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 (a) of subdivision (2) of section 5 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as amended by chapters 21 and 25 of the Acts of 2009, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 84 to 98 inclusive, the words " (a) The normal yearly amount of the retirement allowance for any member classified in Group 1, Group 2 or Group 4, who has paid the full amount of regular deductions on the total amount of regular compensation, including deductions specified in subdivision (3A) of section three, and in paragraph (d) of subdivision (1) of section twenty-two, shall, subject to the limitations set forth in this section, be based on the average annual rate of regular compensation received by such member during any period of three consecutive years of creditable service for which such rate of compensation was the highest, or on the average annual rate of regular compensation received by such member during the period or periods, whether consecutive or not, constituting his last three years of creditable service preceding retirement, whichever is the greater, and shall be computed according to the following table based on the age of such member and his number of years and full months of creditable service at the time of his retirement." and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

(a) For those who entered service prior to January 1, 2012 , the normal yearly amount of the retirement allowance for any member classified in Group 1, Group 2 or Group 4, who has paid the full amount of regular deductions on the total amount of regular compensation, including deductions specified in subdivision (3A) of section three, and in paragraph (d) of subdivision (1) of section twenty-two, shall, subject to the limitations set forth in this section, be

20 based on the average annual rate of regular compensation received by such member during any
21 period of three consecutive years of creditable service for which such rate of compensation was
22 the highest, or on the average annual rate of regular compensation received by such member
23 during the period or periods, whether consecutive or not, constituting his last three years of
24 creditable service preceding retirement, whichever is the greater, and shall be computed
25 according to the following table based on the age of such member and his number of years and
26 full months of creditable service at the time of his retirement. For those who entered service on
27 or after January 1, 2012 the normal yearly amount of the retirement allowance for any member
28 classified in Group 1, Group 2 or Group 4, who has paid the full amount of regular deductions on
29 the total amount of regular compensation, including deductions specified in subdivision (3A) of
30 section three, and in paragraph (d) of subdivision (1) of section twenty-two, shall, subject to the
31 limitations set forth in this section, be based on the average annual rate of regular compensation
32 received by such member during all of said member's years of employment, with the average
33 rate of regular compensation for each year adjusted for inflation index from that year to the year
34 of retirement of said member, and shall be computed according to the following table based on
35 the age of such member and his number or years and full months of creditable service at the time
36 of his retirement.