

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
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**JOHN F. X. DAVOREN, Secretary of the Commonwealth**

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ACTS, 1972. — CHAP. 763.

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**Chap. 763.** AN ACT INCREASING GROUP LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS TO RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 9 of chapter 32B of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as appearing in section 6 of chapter 946 of the acts of 1971, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

The policy or policies of insurance shall provide that upon retirement of an employee, the policy or policies providing two thousand dollars of group life insurance and two thousand dollars of group accidental death and dismemberment insurance as set forth in section five, except the optional coverage referred to therein, shall be reduced to one thousand dollars of group life insurance, unless the governmental unit has accepted section nine F, and the retired employee shall make payment of the full premium cost, subject to the provisions of section nine A or nine E, whichever may be applicable, of the average group premium as determined by the appropriate public authority for such insurance; and the group general or blanket insurance providing hospital, surgical, medical and other health insurance, as provided under sections four, eleven C, and sixteen as may be applicable, shall be continued and the retired employee shall pay the full premium cost, subject to the provisions of section nine A or section nine E whichever may be applicable of the average group premium as determined by the appropriate public authority for such hospital, surgical, medical and other health insurance.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 32B is hereby amended by inserting after section 9E the following section: —

*Section 9F.* A county by vote of the county commissioners, a city having a Plan D or Plan E charter by majority vote of its city council, in any other city by vote of its city council, approved by the mayor; a district, except as herein provided, by vote of the registered voters of the district at a district meeting; a regional school district by vote of the regional district school committee; a veterans' service district by vote of the district board; a health district established under section twenty-seven A of chapter one hundred and eleven by vote of the joint committee, may provide that an employee receiving a pension or annuity allowance having retired from the governmental unit may be insured for two thousand dollars of group life insurance and two thousand dollars of group accidental death and dismemberment insurance in lieu of the one thousand dollars of group life insurance as provided in section nine. A town may provide such insurance coverage either by vote of the board of selectmen, or, by a majority of the votes cast if in the affirmative in answer to the following question which shall be printed on the official ballot: — "Shall the town provide two thousand dollars of group life insurance and two thousand dollars of accidental death and dismemberment insurance for a retired employee in lieu of one thousand dollars of group life insurance?" Acceptance of this section as aforesaid by a governmental unit having accepted section eleven E shall hereby authorize the commission to provide two thousand dollars of group life insurance and two thousand dollars of group accidental death and dismemberment insurance, in lieu of one

thousand dollars of group life insurance, retired teachers insured under section twelve of chapter thirty-two A.

SECTION 3. Said chapter 32B is hereby further amended by striking out section 10, as most recently amended by section 7 of chapter 946 of the acts of 1971, and inserting in place thereof the following section: —

*Section 10.* This chapter, except sections seven A, eight A, nine A, nine C, nine D, nine E, nine F, eleven A, eleven B, eleven D, eleven E, eleven F and sixteen, may be accepted in a county by vote of the county commissioners; in a city having a Plan D or Plan E charter by majority vote of its city council, in any other city by vote of its city council, approved by the mayor; in a district, except as hereinafter provided, by vote of the registered voters of the district at a district meeting; in a regional school district by vote of the regional district school committee; in a veterans' services district by vote of the district board; in a welfare district by vote of the district welfare committee; in a health district established under section twenty-seven A of chapter one hundred and eleven by vote of the joint committee; and in a town by submission for acceptance to the registered voters in the form of the following question which shall be printed upon the official ballot to be used at an election: — "Shall certain provisions of chapter thirty-two B of the General Laws, authorizing any county, city, town or district to provide a plan of contributory group life insurance, group accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and group general or blanket hospital, surgical, medical and other health insurance for certain persons in the service of such county, city, town or district and their dependents, be accepted by this town?" If a majority of the voters voting on the question shall vote in the affirmative, this chapter, except sections seven A, eight A, nine A, nine C, nine D, nine E, nine F, eleven A, eleven B, eleven D, eleven E, eleven F and sixteen, shall take effect in such town.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general law to the contrary, neither the acceptance of this chapter nor the acceptance of any individual section thereof by a governmental unit shall be revoked or rescinded.

SECTION 4. The first paragraph of section 12 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 626 of the acts of 1970, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — The commission shall negotiate with and purchase on such terms as it deems to be in the best interests of the commonwealth, the political subdivisions that have accepted the provisions of this section and teachers retired from such political subdivision who are receiving a pension, annuity or retirement allowance from the state teachers' retirement system, as provided in chapter thirty-two, a policy or policies of group life insurance in the amount of one thousand dollars of group life insurance and two thousand dollars of group accidental death and dismemberment insurance for teachers retired from governmental units having accepted section nine F of chapter thirty-two B, and, a policy or policies of group hospital, surgical, medical and other health insurance including optional medicare extension from one or more insurance companies, savings banks or non-profit hospital, medical or dental service corporations for such retired teachers and their dependents and the surviving spouse and dependents of such retired teachers. *Approved July 17, 1972.*

MASSACHUSETTS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION - SOUTH MIDDLESEX CHAPTER

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October 25, 1972

Chairman - Cambridge City Council  
Cambridge City Hall  
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As Retired Teachers of Cambridge, we are eager to have this benefit restored. We would appreciate your acting favorably on this measure.

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death benefit policy for municipal  
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In City Council

November 6, 1972