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Dear Local Official,

At the 1983 Annual Meeting, MMA will present a workshop on the public employee pension system specifically designed for general local government officials. Few issues are of greater concern to local officials than pensions. Next year pension costs for cities and towns will increase by some 3.5 million dollars statewide.

Last December the Legislature passed and the Governor signed the first pension reform bill in over 35 years. While Chapter 630 did not address all of the problems of the pension system it was an important first step in the comprehensive reform the system so sorely needs.

One of the most important features of Chapter 630 was the creation of the Public Employee Retirement Administration (PERA). PERA was given the authority to monitor the performance of the 104 retirement boards of the Commonwealth and to establish a comprehensive and uniform set of rules and regulations for all the boards, which it has done.

This year we are very fortunate to have Thomas Lussier, the Associate Commissioner of PERA, and Kathy Conlin, a disability inspector for PERA, participating in our workshop on Pensions. Mr. Lussier will discuss in detail the new PERA regulations and their implications for local pension policies. Ms. Conlin will describe the manner in which all disability retirements are reviewed by PERA.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, November 19th from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM at Dunfey's Hotel in Hyannis, Massachusetts. It is an excellent opportunity for local government officials to become better informed about a subject that will be of pressing importance to local government for the foreseeable future.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Sheila Cheimets
Associate Executive Director
for Legislative Operations

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Comm. from Sheila Cheimets, Mass. Municipal
Assoc., inviting the City Council to attend
the annual meeting of the Mass. Municipal
Assoc. on Saturday, November 19, 1983 from
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Dunfey Hotel
in Hyannis at which time various workshops
will be held.

In City Council,

November 7, 1983

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