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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Benjamin B. Downing (BY REQUEST)**

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*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 bill:

An Act providing for a limited early retirement incentive for state employees.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act providing for a limited early retirement incentive for 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. “Eligible Employee,” shall mean any person who has at least 30 years of creditable service as defined by chapter 32, with preference given to those with the most years of service to the department in which they work.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws or any other general or special laws to the contrary, the state board of retirement shall establish and implement a retirement incentive for public employees in Group 1 and Group 2. Each eligible employee shall request and receive a combination of years of creditable service and years of age, the sum of which shall not be greater than five years of creditable service and years of age, provided said employee shall retire within twelve months of the date of enactment of this section.