

## **Municipal Building Officials Retirement Classification Information Sheet**

The Massachusetts Federation of Building Officials is working on an amendment to a section of MGL. This section currently identifies *state building inspectors* in group 2 retirement in Section 3 of Chapter 32; "officials and employees of the office of public safety and inspections of the division of professional licensure and the division of inspection of the department of fire services having police powers".

By default all municipal employees are in group 1 unless "otherwise classified". While the MGL generally does not identify in detail each possible position (e.g. municipal police patrolman) it is left to the local or regional retirement boards to decide where your individual position falls based on the law. Unfortunately for municipal building officials, we are not considered group 2.

The Federation has members of the state senate and house of representatives on board to file for this change in January. From when the bill is filed it will enter a 2 year maximum cycle moving through the legislative process. The initial goal is to have as many senators and representatives on board to become co-sponsors of the bills. They can only sign on early in the bill (January-February). Having 5 senators and 5 representatives co-sponsors across the state would be great.

The talking points sheet is meant to make discussing the major points with your local legislature easy and fruitful. It is geared toward a phone call or remote meeting. The federation intends on (e)mailing information to the legislators as well. Use this link to find your legislatures <https://malegislature.gov/search/findmylegislator>. Keep in mind that you will want to contact the legislatures in your voting district, not where you work. From this site you will get the email and phone number of the office.

These individuals have legislative aides. It would be better to get 10 minutes of time directly with the individual. It will likely require setting up an appointment. If you are having difficulty getting traction, reach out to a member of the Federation and we will find the time to assist. Use the talking points sheet as a guide. It is not meant to be read verbatim. Mark it up and make it your own version. The emphasized words are key action words of importance.

We also have Federation members that will join the call/meeting from the Federation or to answer any questions.

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