

HOUSE No. 4534

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tackey Chan

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to retired Quincy firefighter Kevin Bythrow.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>3/22/2024</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>3/25/2024</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/25/2024</i>

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By Representative Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4534) of Tackey Chan, Bruce J. Ayers and John F. Keenan (with the approval of the mayor and the city council) relative to the retirement of Kevin Bythrow by the retirement board of the city of Quincy. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to retired Quincy firefighter Kevin Bythrow.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, and to
2 promote the public good, the city of Quincy retirement board shall retire Kevin Bythrow, who as
3 a result of toxic exposures sustained while in the performance of his duties for the city of Quincy
4 fire department, is totally and permanently incapacitated. The annual amount of pension payable
5 to Kevin Bythrow shall be in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of chapter 32 of the
6 General Laws. Such retirement shall be effective and retroactive as of July 31, 2023.

7 (b) The provisions of section 100B of chapter 41 of the General Laws shall apply to
8 Kevin Bythrow relative to his indemnification by the city of Quincy for any hospital, medical
9 and related expenses that are not covered by his private health insurance.

10 (c) Upon the death of Kevin Bythrow, if due to Parkinson's disease, his surviving spouse
11 shall receive an accidental death benefit pursuant to section 9 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

12 If Kevin Bythrow dies as a result of some other cause, his surviving spouse shall receive a death
13 benefit in accordance with Option (c) of subdivision (2) of section 12 of said chapter 32.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.