

HOUSE No. 2547

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act Authorizing the State Retirement Board to Grant a Certain Pension to Roy E. Minnehan..

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
2 contrary, and in order to promote the public good, the state retirement board shall retire Roy E.
3 Minnehan, a retired state police officer with the Massachusetts state police, who on February 5,
4 2007 was granted an accidental disability retirement in accordance with the procedures and
5 requirements of section 7 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, due to injuries sustained while in
6 the performance of his duties, one hundred percent (100%) of the maximum pay for the rank he
7 retired at (top step sergeant) as his accidental disability retirement benefit. Roy E. Minnehan
8 sustained these injuries on October 23, 2003 when he was struck by a drunk driver while
9 working a midnight shift in Boston. Due to the injuries he sustained in that accident he
10 underwent three surgeries but was left with permanent damage in his neck. On September 8,
11 2006, he further aggravated these injuries and also suffered additional injuries including injuries
12 to his right knee, which he had had major reconstructive surgery on while on duty at the Norwell
13 barracks. Throughout his career Roy E. Minnehan was highly decorated, including four
14 commendations from the Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

15 SECTION 2. Any raises, incentives and salary increases in any contract since his
16 retirement, the present and future contracts shall be given to Roy E. Minnehan automatically and
17 any prerequisites, tests or other conditions that would have had to have been met or passed will
18 be waived.

19 SECTION 3. Roy E. Minnehan shall be entitled to receive indemnification for all
20 hospital, medical and related expenses that have been or may be incurred after the date of his
21 retirement as a result of any injuries he sustained while working for the Massachusetts State
22 Police, pursuant to Chapter 41 of the general laws.

23 SECTION 4. Upon the death of Roy E. Minnehan the state retirement board shall pay to
24 his children until they reach the age of 18 or 23 if in college, an annuity in the amount of $\frac{3}{4}$ of his
25 pension per month at the time of his death.