

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1625**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Moran***

*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 modifying the retirement benefits of certain widows and surviving spouses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael J. Moran</i>	<i>18th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2011</i>

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By Mr. Moran of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1625) of Michael J. Moran and Jennifer E. Benson relative to the pension benefits of surviving spouses of public employees who remarry. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2523 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act modifying the retirement benefits of certain widows and surviving spouses.

*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. Sections 9 and 100 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2           2004 Official Edition, shall apply to the surviving spouse of a member who remarried before  
3           July 1, 2000 and whose pension, upon remarriage, was terminated or otherwise reduced under  
4           said sections 9 or 100 of said chapter 32.

5           SECTION 2. Option (d) provided in subdivision (2) of section 12 of said chapter 32 of  
6           the General Laws, as so appearing, shall apply to the spouse of a deceased member who  
7           remarried before July 1, 2000 and whose pension, upon remarriage, was terminated or otherwise  
8           reduced under said subdivision (2) of said section 12 of said chapter 32.

9           SECTION 3. Section 101 of said chapter 32 of the General Laws, as so appearing, shall  
10 apply to the widow of a member who remarried prior to July 1, 2000 and whose pension, upon  
11 remarriage, was terminated or otherwise reduced under said section 101 of said chapter 32.

12           SECTION 4. This act shall be prospective from the effective date of this act and shall not  
13 entitle any surviving spouse, spouse of a deceased member or widow to any retroactive benefits.