

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2337**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Steven S. Howitt***

*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 pension benefits for widows.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2337) of Steven S. Howitt and others relative to pension benefits for widows. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to pension benefits for widows.

*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 the provisions of section 498 of chapter 159 of the acts of  
2   2000, the provisions of sections 9 and 100 of chapter 32 of the General Laws shall apply to the  
3   surviving spouse of a member, who remarried prior to July 1, 2000 and whose pension, upon  
4   remarriage, was terminated or otherwise reduced subject to the provisions of sections 9 and 100  
5   of said chapter 32.

6           SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 498 of chapter 159 of the acts of  
7   2000, the provisions of paragraph (d) of subdivision (2) of section 12 of chapter 32 of the  
8   General Laws shall apply to the spouse of a deceased member, who remarried prior to July 1,  
9   2000 and whose pension, upon remarriage, was terminated or otherwise reduced subject to the  
10   provisions of paragraph (d) of subdivision (2) of section 12 of said chapter 32.

11           SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 498 of chapter 159 of the acts of  
12   2000, the provisions of section 101 of chapter 32 of the General Laws shall apply to the widow

13 of a member, who remarried prior to July 1, 2000 and whose pension, upon remarriage, was  
14 terminated or otherwise reduced subject to the provisions of section 101 of said chapter 32.

15 SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall be prospective from the effective date of this  
16 act and shall not entitle any surviving spouse, spouse of a deceased member or widow to any  
17 retroactive benefits.