

HOUSE No. 2541

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Finn

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 directing the state retirement board to retire Robert Emmet Fitzgerald.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>

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By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2541) of Michael J. Finn for legislation to provide a certain pension to Robert Emmet Fitzgerald, a former state police officer, injured while in the performance of his duties as an undercover state police narcotics officer. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2420 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**
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An Act directing the state retirement board to retire Robert Emmet Fitzgerald.

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 any general or special law to the
2 contrary, and in order to promote the public good, the State Retirement Board is hereby
3 authorized and directed to retire Robert Emmet Fitzgerald, a former State Police Officer, who as
4 a result of injuries sustained while in the performance of his duties as an undercover State Police
5 narcotics officer, is incapacitated from further service as a State Trooper.

6 Robert Emmet Fitzgerald was seriously injured (PTSD) due to his isolation in “B” Troop
7 for two years posing as a heroin addict. Little administrative and professional back up support
8 was available at this time.

9 The annual amount of pension payable to Robert Emmet Fitzgerald shall be fixed in an
10 amount equal to the regular rate of compensation which would have been paid had he continued
11 in service as a State Trooper up to the March 13, 1991 formal notification of then Secretary of
12 Public Safety James B. Roche. It will also be retroactive to that date and include health benefits.

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