

HOUSE No. 4280

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G. Hinds

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 authorizing the state retirement board to retire Chad Shimmon, a uniformed member of the town of Great Barrington Police Department.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>10/21/2021</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>10/21/2021</i>

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By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Hinds, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G. Hinds that the State Retirement Board be authorized to retire Chad Shimmon, a uniformed member of the town of Great Barrington Police Department. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act authorizing the state retirement board to retire Chad Shimmon, a uniformed member of the town of Great Barrington Police Department.

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, the state
2 retirement board shall retire Chad Shimmon, a uniformed member of the Town of Great
3 Barrington Police Department, who as a result of injuries sustained while in the performance of
4 his duties in July of 2019, is totally and permanently incapacitated from performing the essential
5 duties of a uniformed member of the Town of Great Barrington Police Department.

6 (b) The annual amount of pension payable to Chad Shimmon shall be equal to the regular
7 rate of compensation that would have been paid had he continued in service as a uniformed
8 member of the Town of Great Barrington Police Department at the grade held by him at the time
9 of his retirement until his death or reaching 65 years of age, whichever comes first. The
10 additional benefits granted in this act shall be funded and administered by the state retirement

11 board, consistent with and subject to chapter 32 of the General Laws. All amounts paid under
12 this act shall be non-taxable to the extent allowable under state law.

13 (c) Upon attaining the age 65 years, Chad Shimmon shall receive a pension pursuant to
14 section 7 of said chapter 32, a yearly amount of pension equal to 80 per cent of the annual rate of
15 the compensation he was receiving on the day before he reaches the mandatory retirement age
16 for a uniformed member of the Town of Great Barrington Police Department.

17 SECTION 2. Chad Shimmon shall be entitled to receive indemnification for all hospital,
18 medical and related expenses that have been or may be incurred after the date of his retirement as
19 a result of the injuries sustained by him while in the performance of his duties in July 2019.

20 SECTION 3. In addition to the benefits granted herein and upon retirement, Chad
21 Shimmon shall receive a lump sum from the state retirement board equal to his total accumulated
22 retirement deductions.

23 SECTION 4. If Chad Shimmon is married at the time of retirement, then upon his death,
24 should his spouse, survive him, the state retirement board shall pay to her an annuity in the
25 amount of 75 per cent of the amount of the pension that otherwise would have been payable to
26 him until her death.

27 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage