

HOUSE No. 4372

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adrian C. Madaro and Daniel J. Hunt

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 regarding the disability pension for Matthew Morris.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>1/19/2022</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/19/2022</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>2/18/2022</i>

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By Messrs. Madaro of Boston and Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4372) of Adrian C. Madaro and Daniel J. Hunt (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the Boston Retirement Board be authorized to increase the accidental disability retirement allowance payable to Matthew Morris, a retired police officer of the city of Boston. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act regarding the disability pension for Matthew Morris.

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 provision of any general or special law or rule or
2 regulation to the contrary, and in order to promote the public good, the State-Boston Retirement
3 Board is hereby authorized and directed to increase the accidental disability retirement allowance
4 payable to Matthew Morris, a retired officer of the City of Boston who, as a result of injuries
5 sustained while in the performance of his duties on October 12, 2016, is totally and permanently
6 disabled from further service as a police officer.

7 SECTION 2. The total annual amount of pension payable to Matthew Morris shall be
8 equal to the regular rate of compensation which would have been paid had he continued in
9 service as a police officer of the City of Boston at the grade held by him at the time of his
10 retirement. The additional benefits granted in this act shall be funded and administered by the
11 Boston Retirement Board, consistent with and subject to chapter 32 of the General Laws, except

12 section 8 and 91A of said chapter 32 shall not apply. All amounts paid under this act shall be
13 nontaxable.

14 (a) Such increase in retirement shall become effective commencing on the date for which
15 he received an accidental disability retirement from the State-Boston Retirement Board.

16 (b) Upon enactment, the State-Boston Retirement Board shall forthwith pay to said
17 Matthew Morris the amount credited to him as accumulated total deductions in the annuity
18 savings fund of the State-Boston Retirement Board. Said Matthew Morris shall be entitled to
19 receive indemnification for all hospital, medical and related expenses that have been or may be
20 incurred after the date of his retirement as a result of said injuries, pursuant to the provisions of
21 Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

22 SECTION 3. Upon the Death of Matthew Morris, should his wife survive him, the State-
23 Boston Retirement Board shall pay to her, so long as she remains unmarried, an annuity in the
24 amount of three-fourths of the amount of the pension payable to him, per month, at the time of
25 his death. If said wife remarries, the City shall pay, in lieu of the aforesaid annuity to her, an
26 annuity of \$550.00 dollars per month to her. In the event that both Matthew Morris and his wife
27 die before their children reach the age of eighteen (18) or twenty-two (22), as provided herein,
28 the payments that would otherwise be made to Matthew Morris pursuant to Section 2 shall be
29 payable, in equal shares, to each child under the age of eighteen (18); provided, however, that
30 payments shall continue to the age of twenty-two (22) for any child who is enrolled as a full-time
31 student.

32 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage.