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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark J. Cusack

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 providing for the retirement of Richard Seibert, a police officer in the city known as the town of Braintree.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Mark J. Cusack	*5th Norfolk*	*2/23/2022*
Walter F. Timilty	*Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth*	*2/24/2022*
John F. Keenan	*Norfolk and Plymouth*	*2/24/2022*

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By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4529) of Mark J. Cusack, Walter F. Timilty and John F. Keenan (with approval of the mayor and city council) that the city known as the town of Braintree be authorized to provide for the retirement of Richard Seibert, a police officer of said town. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act providing for the retirement of Richard Seibert, a police officer in the city known as the town of Braintree.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION1. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary and in order to promote the public good, the retirement board of the city known as the Town of Braintree shall retire Richard Seibert, a police officer in the Braintree Police Department, who was injured in the line of duty and, as a result, is permanently incapacitated from performing the essential duties of a police officer. The retirement benefits shall be paid and administered in accordance with section 7 of chapter 32 of the General Laws. Upon retirement, Richard Seibert shall receive a lump sum payment from the retirement board equal to his total accumulated retirement deductions.

(b) The annual amount of pension payable to Richard Seibert shall be equal to the regular rate of compensation that would have been payable to him had he continued in service as a police officer at the grade held by him at the time of his retirement until his death or until

reaching 65, whichever first occurs. The retirement shall become effective commencing on the date immediately following the final day for which Richard Seibert received regular compensation for such employment. The additional benefits granted in this act shall be funded and administered by the retirement board of the city known as the Town of Braintree, consistent with and subject to said chapter 32, except that sections 8, 91 and 91A of said chapter 32 shall not apply. All amounts paid under this act shall be exempt from state and local taxation, and exempt from federal taxation to the extent allowable under federal tax law.

(c) Upon attaining age 65, Richard Seibert shall receive a pension pursuant to section 7 of said chapter 32, the yearly amount of which shall be equal to 80 percent of the average annual rate of compensation paid to him in the previous 12 months.

(d) If Richard Seibert shall be married at the time of his retirement, then, upon his death, the retirement board of the city known as the Town of Braintree shall pay his surviving spouse if then living, a pension, payable in monthly installments in the amount of 75 percent of the annualized amount of the pension payable to Richard Seibert on the date of his death. The pension shall be subject to section 103 of said chapter 32.

(e) Richard Seibert shall be indemnified for hospital, medical and other healthcare expenses related to treatment of injuries sustained while in the line of duty on July 4, 2021 not otherwise covered by health insurance.

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