

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1499**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Claire D. Cronin*

*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 witness fees for retired police officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>

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By Ms. Cronin of Easton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1499) of Claire D. Cronin relative to witness fees for retired police officers. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3262 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to witness fees for retired police officers.

*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. Section 51 of Chapter 262 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “of”, in line 1, the following  
3 words:- retired police officers or.

4           SECTION 2. Section 53A of Chapter 262 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
5 amended by inserting after the word “fifty-three” in line 2, the following words:- or any retired  
6 police officer named in section 53D.

7           SECTION 3. Section 53A of Chapter 262 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
8 further amended by inserting after the word “each” in line 8, the following words:- retired police  
9 officer or.

10 SECTION 4. Chapter 262 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
11 section 53C the following section:-

12 Section 53D. Any retired police officer who attends as a witness in a criminal case  
13 pending in a district court, including the municipal court of the city of Boston, or in a juvenile  
14 court, including Boston juvenile court, shall be allowed a witness fee in the amount of \$50 for  
15 each day's attendance. Any retired police officer who attends as a witness in a criminal case  
16 pending in a district court, including the municipal court of the city of Boston, or in a juvenile  
17 court, including Boston juvenile court, and who by reason of a continuance or postponement  
18 thereof, is required to again attend, shall be paid the amount of \$50 for each day of such further  
19 attendance. Any retired police officer who attends the superior court as a witness for the  
20 commonwealth shall be paid a witness fee in the amount of \$50 for each day's attendance.