

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1368**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John C. Velis*

*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 accidental disability retirement for police officers and firefighters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1368) of John C. Velis and Timothy R. Whelan for legislation relative to accidental disability retirement for police officers and firefighters. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to accidental disability retirement for police officers and firefighters.

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

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Section 111F of Chapter 41  
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end  
3 thereof:-

4           For any police officer or fire fighter subject to this section, who is granted an accidental  
5 disability retirement, pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 32, and said accidental disability  
6 retirement is not based on presumptions pursuant to Sections 94, 94A or 94B of Chapter 32, any  
7 absence from duty caused by the condition which resulted in said accidental disability retirement,  
8 pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 32, shall be regarded as leave pursuant to this section. If said  
9 police officer or fire fighter was not previously granted leave pursuant to this section, he or she  
10 shall have such absence retroactively so granted, and any pay or other personnel actions  
11 implicated by such retroactive granting of leave pursuant to this section shall be taken by the  
12 employer.