HOUSE No. 2353

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael P. Kushmerek and Sean Garballey

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 the equality of wage and recruitment of the Massachusetts State Police.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Michael P. Kushmerek	3rd Worcester	1/19/2023
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex	1/19/2023
Rodney M. Elliott	16th Middlesex	1/19/2023
Jessica Ann Giannino	16th Suffolk	1/27/2023
Carol A. Doherty	3rd Bristol	2/6/2023
Patrick Joseph Kearney	4th Plymouth	2/16/2023
Brian W. Murray	10th Worcester	2/17/2023
Edward R. Philips	8th Norfolk	3/22/2023
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	13th Middlesex	3/23/2023
William C. Galvin	6th Norfolk	3/23/2023
Christopher Hendricks	11th Bristol	3/23/2023
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk	3/23/2023
Steven George Xiarhos	5th Barnstable	3/23/2023
Simon Cataldo	14th Middlesex	3/23/2023
David Allen Robertson	19th Middlesex	3/24/2023
Steven S. Howitt	4th Bristol	3/24/2023
David F. DeCoste	5th Plymouth	3/26/2023
Patrick M. O'Connor	First Plymouth and Norfolk	3/29/2023

Jeffrey Rosario Turco	19th Suffolk	3/30/2023
Adrian C. Madaro	1st Suffolk	3/30/2023
Norman J. Orrall	12th Bristol	4/6/2023
Tackey Chan	2nd Norfolk	4/20/2023
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex	5/1/2023
Francisco E. Paulino	16th Essex	5/11/2023
Marcus S. Vaughn	9th Norfolk	12/11/2023

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By Representatives Kushmerek of Fitchburg and Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2353) of Michael P. Kushmerek, Sean Garballey and others relative to the equality of wage and recruitment of the State Police. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court (2023-2024)

An Act relative to the equality of wage and recruitment of the Massachusetts State Police.

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

Section 22C of the General Laws is hereby amending by adding the following new section:

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Section XX. There is hereby reestablish a career incentive pay program offering base salary increases to regular full-time members of the state police department as an incentive for furthering the education of current officers and recruiting diverse candidates to the state police through future recruitment and the cadet program. This section shall not apply to officers currently receiving career incentive pay for educational degrees under any other program or law.

In order to rectify an equity issue on the State Police, the police career incentive base salary increases shall equal the already existing incentive and be predicated on the accumulation of points earned in the following manner: one point for each semester hour credit earned toward a baccalaureate or an associate degree; sixty points for an associate degree; one hundred and

twenty points for a baccalaureate degree; and one hundred and fifty points for a degree of master or for a degree in law. All semester credits and degrees shall be earned in an accredited educational institution and shall be credited for the purpose of determining points under this section, notwithstanding the date of appointment of an individual to a position described in the first paragraph of this section. Only graduates of: (1) an accredited degree program offered by an institution of higher learning in order to ensure diverse educational backgrounds of current and future officers, or (2) accredited law schools shall be eligible for the police career incentive pay program.

Base salary increases authorized by this section shall be granted in the following manner: a ten percent increase for sixty points, a twenty percent increase for one hundred and twenty points, and a twenty-five percent increase for one hundred and fifty points so accumulated.