

HOUSE No. 2649

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey N. Roy

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 retirement benefits of the surviving beneficiary of Robert Lawler.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/9/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/5/2023</i>

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By Representative Roy of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2649) of Jeffrey N. Roy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the retirement board of the city of Boston provide certain retirement benefits to Donna Lawler the surviving beneficiary of Robert Lawler. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act relative to the retirement benefits of the surviving beneficiary of Robert Lawler.

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. (a) Notwithstanding section 12 of chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other
2 general or special law to the contrary, the Boston Retirement Board shall provide to Donna
3 Lawler, the surviving beneficiary of former Boston Police officer Robert Lawler, a lifetime,
4 monthly allowance equal to the amount she would receive as if Robert Lawler had, upon
5 retirement, elected option (c) of subdivision (2) of said section 12 of said chapter 32 and
6 nominated Donna Lawler as his sole surviving eligible beneficiary; provided, however, that the
7 retirement board shall withhold from each payment made to Donna Lawler during the first year
8 of such payments, such an amount, in equal increments, as is necessary to account for the
9 difference in the total amount Robert Lawler received pursuant to option (b) of said subdivision
10 (2) of said section 12 from the date of his retirement to the date of his death and the total amount
11 he would have received had he elected said option (c) from the date of his retirement to the date
12 of his death. The allowance shall be payable as of the date of Robert Lawler’s death.

13 Section 2. The provisions of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

14 Section 3. If any of the above sections are determined to not be constitutional under the
15 law, the remainder of the provisions shall remain valid.