

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4247**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul McMurtry***

*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 retirement survivor benefits for Katherine M. McGuinness.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>6/12/2023</i>

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By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry that the State Retirement Board provide a lifetime monthly allowance to Katherine M. McGuinness, the surviving spouse of former state police officer James T. McGuinness. Public Service.

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

An Act relative to retirement survivor benefits for Katherine M. McGuinness.

*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  
2 other general or special law to the contrary, the state retirement board shall provide to Katherine  
3 M. McGuinness, the surviving spouse of former Massachusetts state police officer James T.  
4 McGuinness, a lifetime, monthly allowance equal to the amount she would receive as if James T.  
5 McGuinness had, upon retirement, elected option (c) of subdivision (2) of said section 12 of said  
6 chapter 32 and nominated Katherine M. McGuinness as his sole surviving eligible beneficiary;  
7 provided, however, that the retirement board shall withhold from each payment made to  
8 Katherine M. McGuinness during the first year of such payments, such an amount, in equal  
9 increments, as is necessary to account for the difference in the total amount James T.  
10 McGuinness received pursuant to option (b) of said subdivision (2) of said section 12 from the  
11 date of his retirement to the date of his death and the total amount he would have received had  
12 he elected said option (c) from the date of his retirement to the date of his death.

13           (b) Any retirement benefit provided to Katherine M. McGuinness pursuant to this act  
14 shall be in lieu of, and not in addition to, any benefits she may have otherwise received from the  
15 state retirement board as James T. McGuinness' beneficiary.

16           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of August 4, 2010.