

SENATE No. 1685

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

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 allowing Wayne Estes, a retired member of the Massachusetts DDS, an accidental disability retirement option.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Anne M. Gobi

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Hampshire

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1685) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation to allow Wayne Estes, a retired member of the Massachusetts DDS, an accidental disability retirement option. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1726 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act allowing Wayne Estes, a retired member of the Massachusetts DDS, an accidental disability retirement option.

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. Notwithstanding chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or
2 special law to the contrary affecting the noncontributory or contributory retirement system in the
3 commonwealth, the Massachusetts Retirement System shall allow Wayne Estes, a retired
4 member, the option to receive accidental disability retirement from any condition of impairment
5 of health caused by severe physical and psychological harm accompanied by post-traumatic
6 stress disorder resulting in total or partial disability and that such disability be presumed to have
7 been suffered in the course of his employment. The retirement board shall pay Wayne Estes
8 accidental disability retirement benefits as of the effective date of this act for the remainder of his
9 retirement. Wayne Estes shall notify the board of his decision on the option granted by this act
10 within 90 days of the effective date of this act.

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.