

HOUSE No. 2862

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James K. Hawkins

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 Howard S. Levine.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>7/23/2025</i>

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By Representative Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2862) of James K. Hawkins that the State Board of Retirement be directed to grant an increased accidental disability retirement allowance to Howard S. Levine. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2551 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to the retirement benefits of Howard S. Levine.

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 section 7 of chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other
2 general or special law to the contrary, and in order to promote the public good, the State Board of
3 Retirement shall grant an increased accidental disability retirement allowance to Lieutenant
4 Howard S. Levine of the Town of Raynham, who as a result of injuries sustained while in the
5 performance of his duties on September 3, 1990 is permanently unable to perform the essential
6 duties of his job and incapacitated for further services as a Correction Officer III. Howard S.
7 Levine shall receive a yearly amount of pension of 72% of the rate of compensation which would
8 have been paid to him had he continued in service as a Correction Officer III of the Department
9 of Correction which was held by him at the time of his retirement. This disability allowance shall
10 maintain parity with Correction Officer III collective bargaining increases of pay.

11 SECTION 2. Upon the death of Howard S. Levine, leaving Charlene Ann Levine, his
12 wife, surviving him, the State Board of Retirement shall pay to her so long as she remains
13 unmarried, an annuity of the amount of three-fourths of the amount of the pension payable to
14 him at the time of his death.

15 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.