

HOUSE No. 2866

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Natalie M. Higgins

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 William Manduca.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Higgins of Leominster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2866) of Natalie M. Higgins that the State Retirement Board be authorized to provide certain retirement benefits to Carrie Duff the surviving beneficiary of William Manduca. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2556 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 the surviving beneficiary of William Manduca.

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

1 (a) Notwithstanding section 12 of chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or
2 special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts State Retirement Board shall provide to Carrie
3 Duff, the surviving beneficiary of former Massachusetts Department of Corrections employee
4 William Manduca, a lifetime, monthly allowance equal to the amount she would receive as if
5 William Manduca had, upon retirement, elected option (d) of subdivision (2) of said section 12
6 of said chapter 32 and nominated Carrie Duff as his sole surviving eligible beneficiary. The
7 allowance shall be payable as of the date of William Manduca’s death.

8 (b) Any retirement benefit provided to Carrie Duff pursuant to this act shall be in lieu of,
9 and not in addition to, any benefits she may have otherwise received from the Massachusetts
10 State Employees Retirement System as William Manduca’s beneficiary.