

HOUSE No. 2936

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Edward R. Philips

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 Coulter.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Philips of Sharon, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2936) of Edward R. Philips that the Massachusetts State Retirement Board provide a certain pension to Mary Coulter-Bennett, the surviving beneficiary of former State Police Detective Lieutenant William Coulter. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2632 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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An Act relative to the retirement benefits of the surviving beneficiary of William Coulter.

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 Massachusetts State Retirement Board shall
3 provide to Mary Coulter-Bennett, the surviving beneficiary of former State Police Detective
4 Lieutenant William Coulter, a lifetime, monthly allowance equal to the amount she would
5 receive as if William Coulter had, upon retirement, elected option (c) of subdivision (2) of said
6 section 12 of said chapter 32 and nominated Mary Coulter-Bennett as his sole surviving eligible
7 beneficiary. The allowance shall be payable as of the date of William Coulter’s death.

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

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of September 30, 2019.