

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4977**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michelle L. Badger***

*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 a transfer of retirement benefits for Valeria D'Orazio an associate professor at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michelle L. Badger</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>10/19/2025</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>10/23/2025</i>

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By Representative Badger of Plymouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Badger relative to a transfer of retirement benefits for Valeria D'Orazio an associate professor at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Public Service.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)  
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An Act relative to a transfer of retirement benefits for Valeria D'Orazio an associate professor at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for certain retirement benefits, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state board of retirement  
2   shall provide Valeria D'Orazio an associate professor at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy a  
3   1-time transfer of creditable service from the optional retirement system established under  
4   subsection (3) of section 40 of chapter 15A of the General Laws to the state employees'  
5   retirement system.