

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 5517**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Patricia A. Duffy*

*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 spouse of the Honorable Francis Flannery.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>6/9/2026</i>

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By Representative Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Duffy relative to the retirement benefits for Julia Flannery, the surviving spouse of the Honorable Francis Flannery. 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 the retirement benefits of the surviving spouse of the Honorable Francis Flannery.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to secure retirement benefits for the surviving spouse of the Honorable Francis Flannery, 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 chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to  
2 the contrary, the state retirement board shall deem the Honorable Francis Flannery qualified for a  
3 pension under section 65D of said chapter 32. Julia Flannery, the surviving spouse of the  
4 Honorable Francis Flannery, shall be eligible to receive the benefit described by section 65C of  
5 said chapter 32.