

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 5565**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Frank A. Moran***

*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 authorizing and directing the retirement board of the city of Lawrence to grant credible service to Lawrence police officer Abel Cano Jr.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>6/30/2026</i>

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By Representative Moran of Lawrence, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5565) of Frank A. Moran (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the retirement board of the city of Lawrence be directed to grant credible service to Lawrence police officer Abel Cano, Jr. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act authorizing and directing the retirement board of the city of Lawrence to grant credible service to Lawrence police officer Abel Cano Jr.

*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 the provisions of Chapter 31 or 32 of the General Laws or  
2 any other general or special law to the contrary, the retirement board of the City of Lawrence is  
3 hereby authorized and directed to credit Abel Cano, Jr. with creditable service for working for  
4 the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, as a full time civil service police officer, during  
5 the period of February, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven through February, nineteen hundred  
6 and ninety-nine, up to two years of service inclusive for the purpose of determining his  
7 superannuation retirement allowance; provided, however, that before the date the retirement  
8 allowance becomes effective, Abel Cano, Jr. shall pay an amount equal to that which would have  
9 been withheld as regular deductions from his regular compensation for such previous service,  
10 plus regular interest. Payments shall be made into the annuity savings fund of the City of

11 Lawrence retirement system, in one sum or installments, upon such terms and conditions as the  
12 retirement board may prescribe.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.