

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kelly W. Pease

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 of Greg Heath, a former firefighter of the city of Westfield.

PETITION OF:

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to the retirement of Greg Heath, a former firefighter of the city of Westfield.

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 chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or
2 special law to the contrary the Westfield retirement board shall retire Greg Heath under section 7
3 of chapter 32 based upon any condition of impairment of health caused by Parkinson's Disease
4 which it determines was incurred as a result of his employment. SECTION 2. The payments
5 provided for in this act shall only be made after said member has been examined by a medical
6 panel, pursuant to section 6 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, which has certified by a majority
7 of the medical panel physicians that said member is mentally or physically incapacitated from
8 further duty, that such incapacity is likely to be permanent, and that such incapacity is such as
9 might be the natural and proximate result of Parkinson's Disease; provided, however, that the
10 public employee retirement administration commission may, upon request, waive such medical
11 panel examination if the member has previously been examined by a medical panel and is
12 receiving a disability benefit as of the effective date of this act. The commission shall promptly
13 notify the retirement system of such waiver. SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon
14 September 26, 2020.