

SENATE No. 1865

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barry R. Finegold

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 providing for certain retirement benefits for the surviving beneficiary of Brandon Arakelian.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Barry R. Finegold

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Essex and Middlesex

SENATE No. 1865

By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1865) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation to provide for certain retirement benefits for the surviving beneficiary of Brandon Arakelian. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2769 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act providing for certain retirement benefits for the surviving beneficiary of Brandon Arakelian.

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 section 9 of chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other
2 general or special law to the contrary, the state board of retirement shall provide to Kristen
3 Arakelian, the surviving beneficiary of former State Police Sergeant Brandon Arakelian, a
4 lifetime, monthly allowance equal to the amount which she would have received if Brandon
5 Arakelian had been awarded an accidental disability retirement under section 7 of said chapter 32
6 based on post-traumatic stress disorder effective June 4, 2021, and in light of his death certificate
7 which lists suicide as cause of death and post-traumatic stress disorder as his condition. The
8 allowance shall be payable as of the date of Brandon Arakelian’s retirement, June 4, 2021,
9 except that any amounts paid pursuant to his superannuation pension shall be deducted.

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