

SENATE No. 3043

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kelly A. Dooner and Norman J. Orrall

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 the state board of retirement to grant creditable service to Omar H. Ricketts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Kelly A. Dooner</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>4/1/2026</i>
<i>Justin Thurber</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>4/21/2026</i>
<i>Lisa Field</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>4/7/2026</i>

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By Mrs. Dooner and Mr. Orrall of Lakeville, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3043) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kelly A. Dooner and Norman J. Orrall (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the state board of retirement to grant creditable service to Omar H. Ricketts. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act authorizing the state board of retirement to grant creditable service to Omar H. Ricketts.

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 3 of chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other
2 general or special law to the contrary, and in order to promote the public good, the state board of
3 retirement shall credit Omar H. Ricketts of the city of Taunton police department with creditable
4 service for the period of February 14, 1994 to March 30, 2008 in which time he was a police
5 officer for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for the purpose of determining his
6 superannuation retirement allowance pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (a) of subdivision
7 (2) of section 5 of chapter 32 of the General Laws. Eligibility for this creditable service shall be
8 conditioned upon payment by Omar H. Ricketts of the city of Taunton police department into the
9 state employees' retirement system of an amount equal to the amount that would have been
10 deducted under said chapter 32 if he had received regular compensation during this period at an
11 annual rate equal to the annual rate of regular compensation that he was receiving immediately

12 before this period together with regular interest thereon. Such repayment shall be made in 1 sum
13 or installments as the state retirement board shall prescribe.

14 SECTION 2. Upon Omar H. Ricketts' retirement pursuant to sections 5, 6 or 7 of chapter
15 32, or pursuant to any special act, or in the event of Omar H. Ricketts' death prior to his
16 retirement, the state board of retirement upon request shall transfer the funds it received from
17 Omar H. Ricketts pursuant to this Act, together with accrued interest, to the Massachusetts
18 Contributory Retirement System of which he is a member at the time of his retirement or death,
19 and the state board of retirement shall accept liability pursuant to paragraph (c) of subdivision (8)
20 of section 3 of chapter 32 for fourteen (14) years and one (1) month of creditable service
21 rendered during the period of February 14, 1994 to March 30, 2008.

22 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the transfer required in Section 2, the state board of
23 retirement shall not bear any liability pursuant to paragraph (c) of subdivision (8) of section 3 of
24 chapter 32 for the aforementioned transfer and creditable service if Omar H. Ricketts retires for
25 accidental disability, or his surviving spouse or dependents are awarded accidental death or line
26 of duty death benefits pursuant to sections 9 or 100 of chapter 32, respectively.

27 SECTION 4. This act shall be effective upon its passage.