

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Barry R. Finegold***

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*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.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Barry R. Finegold*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Essex and Middlesex*

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

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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