

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE**  
**2025-2026 (194<sup>th</sup>) BILL SUMMARY**

**Bill Number:** H.2775  
**Title:** *An Act relative to retired Quincy firefighter Kevin Bythrow*  
**Sponsor(s):** Rep. Tackey Chan (*Quincy*)  
**Hearing Date:** May 7, 2025  
**Reporting Deadline:** July 7, 2025

**Prior History:**

2023-24 (H.4534): Reported favorably; Referred to House Steering; Placed in Orders of the Day;  
Read second and ordered to a third reading

**SUMMARY:**

This bill directs the city of Quincy retirement board to retire Kevin Bythrow as a result of toxic exposures sustained while performing his duties for the Quincy fire department. The amount of his pension will be calculated pursuant to section 7 of chapter 32. His retirement will be effective as of July 31, 2023. Any hospital, medical, or related expenses not covered by his private health insurance will be covered by the city of Quincy. If Kevin Bythrow dies due to Parkinson's disease, his surviving spouse will receive an accidental death benefit pursuant to section 9 of chapter 32. If he dies on another cause, his surviving spouse will receive a death benefit in accordance with option (c) of subdivision (2) of section 12 of chapter 32.