

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE
2025-2026 (194th) BILL SUMMARY

Bill Number: H.2955

Title: *An Act authorizing the state retirement board to retire Jamie J. Magarian, a uniformed member of the department of state police at the regular rate of compensation*

Sponsor(s): Rep. Aaron L. Saunders (*Belchertown*)

Hearing Date: May 12, 2025

Reporting Deadline: July 11, 2025

Prior History:

2023-24 (H.2653): Reported favorably; Accompanied S1717; Referred to SWM

SUMMARY:

This bill directs the state retirement board to retire Jamie J. Magarian, a uniformed member of the department of state police. Jamie J. Magarian is permanently incapacitated from performing his essential duties as a result of injuries sustained while performing his duties. The annual pension payable to Jamie J. Magarian shall be equal to the regular rate of compensation he would have been paid had he continued in service until death or 65 years of age, whichever comes first. The additional benefits granted in this act shall be funded and administered by the state retirement board, consistent with the Retirement Systems and Pensions chapter of the General Laws. All amounts shall be non-taxable to the extent allowable under state law. Upon turning 65 years old, Jamie J. Magarian shall receive an annual amount of pension equal to 80% of the annual rate of compensation he was receiving before he reaches the mandatory retirement age. Jamie J. Magarian shall receive indemnification for all hospital, medical, and related expenses that have been or may result after his retirement as a result of the injuries sustained by him while performing his duties. Jamie J. Magarian shall receive a lump sum from the state retirement board equal to his total accumulated retirement deductions, in addition to the benefits granted. If Jamie J. Magarian is married at the time of retirement, then upon his death, the state retirement board shall pay his spouse an annual amount of 75% of the pension that would have otherwise been payable to Jamie J. Magarian until his wife's death. The pension benefits provided for in this section and subsection (c) of section 1 shall be subject to section 102 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.