

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

Bill Number: H.2862
Title: *An Act relative to the retirement benefits of Howard S. Levine*
Sponsor(s): Rep. James K. Hawkins (*Attleboro*)
Hearing Date: June 2, 2025
Reporting Deadline: August 1, 2025

Prior History:

2023-24 (H.2551): Ordered to a House Study
2021-22 (H.2680): Ordered to a House Study
2019-20 (H.2228): Ordered to a House Study
2017-18 (H.1393): Ordered to a House Study
2015-16 (H.2322): Ordered to a House Study
2013-14 (H.4521): Referred to House Rules; Referred to Joint Committee on Public Service

SUMMARY:

This bill directs the state retirement board to grant Lieutenant Howard S. Levine accidental disability retirement due to injuries that were sustained in performance of his duties as a Correction Officer III of the Department of Correction on September 3, 1990. He will receive a yearly pension amount equal to 72 percent of the rate of compensation he would have been paid if he continued to work in the same position he held at the time of his injuries. This allowance will maintain parity with correction officer III collective bargaining pay increases. Upon his death his wife Charlene Ann Levine will be paid an annuity that equals three-fourths of the pension payable to Howard Levine at the time of his death as long as she remains unmarried. This act will take effect upon its passage.