

HOUSE No. 4734

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Antonio F. D. Cabral and Mark C. Montigny

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 relative to the New Bedford Police Association.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>

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By Representative Cabral of New Bedford and Senator Montigny, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Antonio F. D. Cabral, Mark C. Montigny and others relative to benefit payments by the New Bedford Police Association. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to the New Bedford Police Association.

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. Subject to the approval of the board of directors of the New Bedford Police
2 Association, a corporation duly established by law, and notwithstanding any general or special
3 law to the contrary, said association may pay:

4 (i) to any beneficiaries named by a member of the association in good standing, a sum of
5 \$15,000, upon the death of such member, if the deceased was an active member of the New
6 Bedford police department at the time of death;

7 (ii) to a member of the association in good standing, upon such person's resignation or
8 retirement from the department, if such person has been pensioned from the department due to an
9 injury or disability, a sum equal to the greater of: (A) \$150 for each year of membership in the
10 association, not to exceed 20 years; or (B) \$1,000;

11 (iii) to a member of the association in good standing, who has been a member for at least
12 10 years, or has paid membership dues to the association amounting to those membership dues

13 that would have been paid to the association over the immediately preceding 10 years pursuant to
14 the by-laws or who had been pensioned from the department for any injury or other illness or
15 disability, the greater of \$3,750.00 or \$375 for each full year of membership not to exceed 20
16 years, which

17 amount shall reduce the benefit otherwise payable pursuant to clauses (iv) and (v).

18 (iv) a sum equal to \$1,000 or \$150 for each year of membership in the association, not to
19 exceed 20 years, to a member upon such person's resignation or retirement from the New
20 Bedford police department, if such person was a member of the association in good standing and
21 a member of the association for not less than 10 years;

22 (v) a sum of \$7,500, less the sum of money paid pursuant to clauses (ii) or (iii), to any
23 beneficiaries named by a member of the association, upon such member's death, if such person
24 was a member of the association in good standing and a retired member of the New Bedford
25 police department; and

26 (vi) a sum equal to \$2,000 shall be paid to a member of the association in good standing
27 upon the death of the wife or husband of said member, subject to a vote of approval of the board
28 of directors of the association.

29 SECTION 2. Chapter 302 of the acts of 2012 is hereby repealed.