

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2807**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jonathan D. Zlotnik***

*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 law enforcement officer benefit equity.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>

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By Mr. Zlotnik of Gardner, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2807) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik, Steven G. Xiarhos and Thomas A. Golden, Jr. relative to law enforcement officer benefit equity. Public Service.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to law enforcement officer benefit equity.

*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. Section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new paragraph:-

3 "Sixtieth:", "Police officer", "policeman", or "permanent member of a police force", shall  
4 include without limitation, any police officer or port officer appointed by the University of  
5 Massachusetts, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Massachusetts Port Authority, and  
6 campuses of the state universities and community colleges.

7 SECTION 2. Section 111f of chapter 41 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by  
8 inserting after the words:- "General Edward Lawrence Logan International Airport, and members  
9 of the Massachusetts military reservation fire department, for the purposes of this section the  
10 Massachusetts Port Authority and Massachusetts military reservation shall be fire districts," the  
11 following:- "The provisions of this section shall also apply in all aspects to any University of  
12 Massachusetts police officer, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs police officer,

13 Massachusetts Port Authority port officer, state university or community college police officer  
14 and supervisors of said police or port officers who shall include sergeants, lieutenants, captains,  
15 assistant chiefs, deputy chiefs, and chiefs; ".

16 SECTION 3. Section 94 of chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting  
17 after the words "Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority," the following words:- "or of the  
18 police force of the University of Massachusetts, or of the police force of the Massachusetts Port  
19 Authority, or of the police force of the state universities or community colleges, or of the police  
20 force of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs".

21 SECTION 4. Section 5 of chapter 467 Acts of 2004 so appearing, is hereby further  
22 amended in Line X by adding after the words "state or community college", the following words:  
23 - "or the University of Massachusetts".

24 SECTION 5. Section 32 of chapter 32, as appearing in the 2016 Official edition, is  
25 hereby amended by striking out, in line 253, the words "University of Massachusetts police;".

26 SECTION 6. Section 3 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by  
27 inserting in the description of Group 4 in paragraph (g) of subdivision (2) after the words "chief  
28 of security for the University of Massachusetts medical school or supervisory agent", in lines 322  
29 through 324, the following words:- "employees of the University of Massachusetts who are  
30 employed as police officers and supervisors of said employees who shall include sergeants,  
31 lieutenants, captains, assistant chiefs, deputy chiefs, and chiefs; employees of the Massachusetts  
32 Port Authority who are employed as port officers and supervisors of said employees who shall  
33 include port sergeants, lieutenants, captains, assistant chiefs, deputy chiefs, and chiefs;  
34 employees of the state universities and community colleges who are employed as campus police

35 officers and supervisors of said employees who shall include sergeants, lieutenants, captains,  
36 assistant chiefs, deputy chiefs, and chiefs; "

37 SECTION 7. The first paragraph of section 32A of chapter 75, as so appearing is hereby  
38 Amended, by striking out the second sentence and inserting in the place thereof the following  
39 sentence:- "The trustees shall appoint as police officers persons employed by the university who  
40 throughout university properties shall have the powers of police officers, except as to service of  
41 civil process".

42 SECTION 8. The second paragraph of section 32A of chapter 75, as so appearing is  
43 hereby amended by striking the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following  
44 words:-

45 "Police officers appointed by the trustees of the University of Massachusetts, in  
46 connection with the operation of any part of the university, throughout university properties  
47 including but not limited to upon lands, roads or properties owned, leased, occupied, sublet, or  
48 affiliated with the University of Massachusetts, and throughout any and all such roadways  
49 contiguous to said university property to and from all points and locales, may perform police  
50 duties under the commanding officer or the person in charge of such campus. While performing  
51 such duties within those limits, the police officers shall have the same authority, immunities and  
52 privileges as duly appointed and qualified police officers acting elsewhere in the  
53 Commonwealth. Every officer who receives an appointment to a position on a full-time basis in  
54 which that person may exercise police powers for any of the campuses of the University of  
55 Massachusetts, shall, prior to be certified pursuant to chapter 6E".

56 SECTION 9. Section 32 of chapter 75, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by  
57 adding third section by inserting the following words:- "Section 32C. While participating in the  
58 University of Massachusetts police cadet program, a UMass police cadet shall not be subject to  
59 or entitled to the benefits of any retirement or pension law, nor shall any deduction be made from  
60 a UMass police cadet's compensation for the purpose thereof; provided, however, that a UMass  
61 police cadet who successfully completes the UMass police cadet program and is appointed to the  
62 University of Massachusetts police department pursuant to Section 32A of chapter 75 or is  
63 enlisted as a state police officer, or is appointed as a police officer in the Office of Law  
64 Enforcement within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Massachusetts  
65 Bay Transit Authority, Massachusetts Port Authority, or becomes an employee, as defined in  
66 section 1 of chapter 32, or is appointed as a municipal police officer, shall have any University of  
67 Massachusetts police cadet service considered as creditable service, as defined in said section 1  
68 of said chapter 32, for purposes of retirement if the UMass police cadet pays into the annuity  
69 savings fund of the retirement system in 1 sum or installments, upon such terms and conditions  
70 as the board may prescribe, not later than 1 year after appointment as described above, such  
71 amount as the retirement board determines equal to that which the UMass police cadet would  
72 have paid had the UMass police cadet been a member of the retirement system during the period  
73 of employment as a University of Massachusetts police cadet, together with buyback interest.