

HOUSE No. 4676

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 2, 2018.

The committee on Public Service to whom was referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4504) of James Arciero and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Littleton be authorized to increase the accidental disability retirement allowance payable to Scott Holt, a retired fire fighter of said town, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4676) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

JERALD A. PARISELLA.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act granting certain retirement benefits to fire fighter Scott Holt.

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. Notwithstanding section 7 of chapter 32 of the General Laws or any
2 other general or special law or rule to the contrary, the Middlesex retirement board shall increase
3 the accidental disability retirement allowance payable to Scott Holt, a retired fire fighter of the
4 Town of Littleton, who, as a result of injuries sustained by him while in the performance of his
5 duties, is totally and permanently disabled from further service as a fire fighter. The annual
6 amount of accidental disability retirement allowance payable to Scott Holt shall be fixed at an
7 amount equal to the regular rate of compensation which he would have received had he
8 continued in service as a fire fighter in the Town of Littleton at the rank and grade held by him at
9 the time of his retirement, which will be the effective date of this Act, and the annual amount of
10 accidental disability retirement he would receive under Option A of the retirement allowances
11 provided for in section 12 of chapter 32 of the General Laws regardless of which retirement
12 allowance option he chooses under section 12. This increased accidental disability retirement
13 allowance shall end on April 3, 2033, when he turns sixty-five (65) years old, at which time his
14 accidental disability retirement allowance shall revert to an amount equal to what he would be

15 eligible to receive under section 7 of chapter 32 of the General Laws. If the death of Scott Holt
16 occurs prior to April 3, 2033, his surviving spouse will continue to receive the increased
17 accidental disability retirement allowance until April 3, 2033, at which time she would be
18 eligible to receive the retirement allowance amount provided for a surviving spouse pursuant to
19 the provisions of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

20 SECTION 2: The Town agrees to annually reimburse Scott Holt for the remainder of
21 his life for his own Out of Pocket Medical and Drug costs up to a maximum annual amount of
22 \$6,450, adjusted for any applicable increases to the maximum annual amount that are provided
23 for by the Town's health insurance plans.

24 SECTION 3. Before taking action under the authority of this act, the Middlesex
25 retirement board shall request the state Public Employee Retirement Administration to appoint a
26 medical panel to examine Scott Holt.

27 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.