

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4858**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Josh S. Cutler*

*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 certain retirement benefits for the surviving spouse of a state police officer injured in the line of duty.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Josh S. Cutler*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*6th Plymouth*

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By Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Josh S. Cutler relative to retirement benefits for Felicia O’Connor, the surviving spouse of John Bernard O’Connor, a retired state police officer injured in the line of duty. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to certain retirement benefits for the surviving spouse of a state police officer injured in the line of duty.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make forthwith certain retirement benefits available, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 and general or special law to the contrary, Felicia  
2   O’Connor, the surviving spouse of John Bernard O’Connor, a retired state police officer, who is  
3   currently receiving a surviving spouse retirement allowance, shall be entitled to a recalculated  
4   surviving spouse retirement allowance. The recalculated surviving spouse retirement allowance  
5   shall be equal to the retirement allowance received by John Bernard O’Connor.

6           SECTION 2. The amount of the recalculated surviving spouse retirement allowance in  
7   section 1 shall apply retroactively to the date of death of John Bernard O’Connor.