

**SENATE . . . . . No. 01375**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Karen E. Spilka*

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act modifying the retirement benefits of certain widows and surviving spouses..

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Karen E. Spilka*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Middlesex and Norfolk*

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By Ms. Spilka, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1375) of Spilka for legislation to modify the retirement benefits of certain widows and surviving spouses [Joint Committee on Public Service].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ SENATE  
□ , NO. 1152 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act modifying the retirement benefits of certain widows and surviving spouses..

*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. Sections 9 and 100 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2008 Official Edition, shall apply to the surviving spouse of a member who remarried before  
3 July 1, 2000 and whose pension, upon remarriage, was terminated or otherwise reduced under  
4 said sections 9 or 100 of said chapter 32.

5 SECTION 2. Option (d) provided in subdivision (2) of section 12 of said chapter 32 of  
6 the General Laws, as so appearing, shall apply to the spouse of a deceased member who  
7 remarried before July 1, 2000 and whose pension, upon remarriage, was terminated or otherwise  
8 reduced under said subdivision (2) of said section 12 of said chapter 32.

9           SECTION 3. Section 101 of said chapter 32 of the General Laws, as so appearing,  
10 shall apply to the widow of a member who remarried prior to July 1, 2000 and whose pension,  
11 upon remarriage, was terminated or otherwise reduced under said section 101 of said chapter 32.

12           SECTION 4. This act shall be prospective from the effective date of this act and shall  
13 not entitle any surviving spouse, spouse of a deceased member or widow to any retroactive  
14 benefits.