

SENATE No. 1608

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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 equality of wage and recruitment of the Massachusetts State Police.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/9/2023</i>

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1608) of John C. Velis and Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to the equality of wage and recruitment of the Massachusetts State Police. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to the equality of wage and recruitment of the Massachusetts State Police.

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 22C of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following new
2 section:

3 Section XX. There is hereby reestablished a career incentive pay program offering base
4 salary increases to regular full-time members of the state police department as an incentive for
5 furthering the education of current officers and recruiting diverse candidates to the state police
6 through future recruitment and the cadet program. This section shall not apply to officers
7 currently receiving career incentive pay for educational degrees under any other program or law.

8 In order to rectify an equity issue on the State Police, the police career incentive base
9 salary increases shall equal the already existing incentive and be predicated on the accumulation
10 of points earned in the following manner: one point for each semester hour credit earned toward
11 a baccalaureate or an associate degree; sixty points for an associate degree; one hundred and
12 twenty points for a baccalaureate degree; and one hundred and fifty points for a degree of master

13 or for a degree in law. All semester credits and degrees shall be earned in an accredited
14 educational institution and shall be credited for the purpose of determining points under this
15 section, notwithstanding the date of appointment of an individual to a position described in the
16 first paragraph of this section. Only graduates of: (1) an accredited degree program offered by an
17 institution of higher learning in order to ensure diverse educational backgrounds of current and
18 future officers, or (2) accredited law schools shall be eligible for the police career incentive pay
19 program.

20 Base salary increases authorized by this section shall be granted in the following manner:
21 a ten percent increase for sixty points, a twenty percent increase for one hundred and twenty
22 points, and a twenty-five percent increase for one hundred and fifty points so accumulated.