

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1920**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Donald F. Humason, Jr.***

*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 authorization of the city of Westfield Retirement Board to grant a superannuation retirement benefit.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Humason, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1920) of Donald F. Humason, Jr. and John C. Velis (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the authorization of the city of Westfield Retirement Board to grant a superannuation retirement benefit. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act relative to the authorization of the city of Westfield Retirement Board to grant a superannuation retirement benefit.

*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.(a) Notwithstanding section 12 of chapter 32 of the General Laws or any  
2 other general or special law to the contrary, the retirement board of the city of Westfield may  
3 provide Lynda Cavanaugh, the surviving fiancée of firefighter Kevin Regan, a lifetime, monthly  
4 allowance equal to the amount that an eligible surviving spouse beneficiary would receive  
5 pursuant to option (d) of subdivision (2) of said section 12 of said chapter 32 as if Kevin Regan,  
6 as the electing member, had nominated her as his sole beneficiary prior to his death. Said  
7 allowance shall be payable as of the date of Kevin Regan's death.

8           (b) The retirement board of the city of Westfield may, by majority vote at a public  
9 meeting, elect to provide the benefit available pursuant to this act. Upon such a majority vote, the  
10 benefit shall become payable, but not otherwise.

11 (c) Any retirement benefit provided to Lynda Cavanaugh pursuant to this act shall be in  
12 lieu of, and not in addition to, any benefits she may have otherwise received from the Westfield  
13 Retirement System as Kevin Regan's beneficiary.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.