



**Offered by Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George  
O'Malley, Breadon, Baker, Flynn, Bok and Flaherty  
CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY  
HOME RULE PETITION**

*BE IT ORDERED,* That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT REGARDING THE DISABILITY  
PENSION FOR TERRY COTTON**

*WHEREAS:* **Terry Cotton** sustained serious injuries while in the performance of his duties, and as a result is incapacitated from further service as a police officer; the Boston City Council hereby

*PETITIONS,* That the following bill for a special law be enacted, for **Terry Cotton**

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provision of any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, and in order to promote the public good, the State-Boston Retirement Board is hereby authorized and directed to increase the accidental disability retirement allowance payable to Terry Cotton, a retired officer of the City of Boston who, as a result of injuries sustained while in the performance of his duties on August 7, 2013, is totally and permanently disabled from further service as a police officer.

Section 2. The total annual amount of pension payable to Terry Cotton shall be equal to the regular rate of compensation which would have been paid had he continued in service as a police officer of the City of Boston at the grade held by him at the time of his retirement. The additional benefits granted in this act shall be funded and administered by the Boston Retirement Board, consistent with and subject to chapter 32 of

the General Laws, except section 91A of said chapter 32 shall not apply so long as any income derived by Terry Cotton hereafter is not earned performing a sworn law enforcement function. All amounts paid under this act shall be nontaxable.

(a) Such increase in retirement shall become effective commencing on the date for which he received an accidental disability retirement from the State-Boston Retirement Board.

(b) Upon enactment, the State-Boston Retirement Board shall forthwith pay to said Terry Cotton the amount credited to him as accumulated total deductions in the annuity savings fund of the State-Boston Retirement Board. Said Terry Cotton shall be entitled to receive indemnification for all hospital, medical and related expenses that have been or may be incurred after the date of his retirement as a result of said injuries, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

Section 3.

Upon the Death of Terry Cotton, should his wife survive him, the State-Boston Retirement Board shall pay to her, so long as she remains unmarried, an annuity in the amount of three-fourths of the amount of the pension payable to him, per month, at the time of his death. If said wife remarries, the City shall pay, in lieu of the aforesaid annuity to her, an annuity of \$550.00 dollars per month to her. In the event that both Terry Cotton and his wife die before their children reach the age of eighteen (18) or twenty-two (22), as provided herein, the payments that would otherwise be made to Terry Cotton pursuant to Section 2 shall be payable, in equal shares, to each child under the age of eighteen (18); provided, however, that payments shall continue to the age of twenty-two (22) for any child who is enrolled as a full-time student.

Section 4

This act shall take effect upon passage.

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