

By Mr. Blumer of Framingham, petition of Deborah D. Blumer and Brian Knuuttila relative to the retirement allowances of certain surviving spouses of retired state police officers. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN BENEFITS FOR THE SURVIVING SPOUSES OF CERTAIN STATE POLICE OFFICERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 For any retired state police officer who would have been eli-
2 gible for the increased retirement allowance under section 96 of
3 chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000 but did not realize the increased
4 allowance because the retired state police officer predeceased the
5 effective date of the act and who has a surviving spouse currently
6 receiving a retirement allowance, the surviving spouse shall be
7 entitled to a recalculated retirement allowance. The recalculated
8 allowance shall be determined by applying the retirement
9 allowance that the member would have first received had the
10 member been living at the time that section 96 of chapter 159 of
11 the Acts of 2000 was enacted to the formula for calculating the
12 surviving spouse's retirement allowance under chapter 32 of the
13 General Laws. The recalculation shall also include any cost of
14 living adjustments that would have been granted since enactment
15 of said section 96 of chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000.

