

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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MEMORANDUM OF THE STATE SECRETARY IN RESPECT TO THE PETITION OF TIMOTHY O'LEARY RELATIVE TO THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN RETIREMENT BENEFITS WHICH MAY BE PAID BY THE MELROSE POLICE RELIEF CORPORATION.

June 7, 1991.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.*

On May 15, 1991 the Clerk of the House transmitted the above referenced petition to me with a request for a memorandum pursuant to General Laws Chapter 3, section 7.

The Melrose Police Relief Corporation was organized on September 3, 1904 pursuant to Revised Laws Chapter 119. It was organized for the purpose of paying a death or funeral benefit not exceeding two hundred dollars and a disability benefit not exceeding ten dollars per week to members of the Melrose Police Department.

The bill before you seeks to authorize the corporation to pay a retirement benefit not exceeding five thousand dollars to any member in good standing.

The subject of the legislation falls within the purview of the Commissioner of Insurance. It is respectfully suggested that an opinion be sought from that office.

Finally it appears special legislation is necessary to accomplish the desired result. There is no provision in the General Laws which permits a corporation of this type to accomplish this amendment by means of a routine filing in the Secretary's office. This office has no opinion on the merits of the bill, and no fee is required to be paid to the Commonwealth by a corporation of this type pursuant to Chapter 3, section 7.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL J. CONNOLLY,  
*Secretary of State.*

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By Mr. O'Leary of Melrose, petition of Timothy F. O'Leary relative to the amount of certain retirement benefits which may be paid by the Melrose Police Relief Corporation. Insurance.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-One.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BENEFITS TO BE PAID BY THE MELROSE POLICE RELIEF CORPORATION.

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

1 The Melrose Police Relief Corporation, a corporation duly  
2 established under the laws of the commonwealth, is hereby  
3 authorized, upon the retirement of any member in good standing  
4 from the police department of the city of Melrose, to pay such  
5 member such sum, not exceeding five thousand dollars, as may  
6 be determined by vote of the board of directors of said  
7 corporation.