

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4946

By Mr. Melia of Boston, a petition of Herbert P. Gleason and John F. Melia (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to make a corrective change in the law increasing the benefits paid to widows of Boston police officers killed in the line of duty prior to nineteen hundred and forty-nine. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Six.

AN ACT MAKING A CORRECTIVE CHANGE IN THE LAW INCREASING THE BENEFITS PAID TO WIDOWS OF BOSTON POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY PRIOR TO NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE.

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

1 Chapter 624 of the acts of 1975 is hereby amended by striking  
2 the chapter in its entirety and substituting the following:—  
3 For the purpose of promoting the public good, the city of  
4 Boston is hereby authorized to provide for the election by a  
5 widow of a Boston police officer shot and killed in the line of duty  
6 prior to nineteen hundred and forty-nine, of a pension for her life,  
7 for as long as she remains unmarried, equal to one hundred per  
8 cent of the compensation said deceased officer would have  
9 received had he continued to serve in the position which he held  
10 at the time of death until he reached the mandatory retirement  
11 age for his group; provided, however, that the amount of the  
12 pension, payable from the date of election, shall be equal to the  
13 maximum salary set for the position, whether or not such police  
14 officer had reached the maximum at the time of his death.

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