

HOUSE No. 5016

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, for a House bill, No. 4676.
December 21, 2018.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act increasing certain retirement benefits for firefighter Scott Holt of the town of Littleton.

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 any general or special law to the contrary and to
2 promote the public good, the Middlesex county retirement board shall retire Scott Holt, a
3 firefighter in the town of Littleton who was injured in the line of duty and, as a result, is totally
4 and permanently incapacitated from performing the essential duties of a firefighter. The benefits
5 shall be paid and administered in accordance with section 7 of chapter 32 of the General Laws;
6 provided, however, that section 8 of said chapter 32 shall not apply.

7 (b) The amount of pension payable to Scott Holt shall be fixed annually at an amount
8 equal to the rate of regular compensation which would have been payable to him had he
9 continued in service as a firefighter at the grade held by him at the time of his retirement, which
10 shall be the effective date of this act, and the annual amount of accidental disability retirement he
11 would receive under Option A of the retirement allowances provided for in section 12 of said
12 chapter 32 regardless of which retirement allowance option he chooses under said section 12.
13 This increased accidental disability retirement allowance shall end on April 3, 2033, when Scott

14 Holt turns 65, at which time his accidental disability retirement allowance shall revert to an
15 amount equal to what he would be eligible to receive under section 7 of said chapter 32. All
16 amounts paid under this act shall be nontaxable to the extent allowable pursuant to state and
17 federal tax law.

18 (c) If Scott Holt is married at the time of his retirement, and if the death of Scott
19 Holt occurs prior to April 3, 2033, his surviving spouse shall continue to receive the increased
20 accidental disability retirement until April 3, 2033, at which time she would be eligible to receive
21 the retirement allowance provided for a surviving spouse pursuant to the provisions of said
22 chapter 32.

23 SECTION 2. The town of Littleton shall annually reimburse Scott Holt for the
24 remainder of his life for his own out of pocket medical and drug costs up to a maximum annual
25 amount of \$6,450, adjusted for any applicable increases to the maximum annual amount that are
26 provided for by the town's health insurance plans.

27 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.