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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS, Leo J. Bracken sustained serious injuries while in the performance of his duties, and as a result is incapacitated from further service as a Fire Lieutenant; ***NOW THEREFORE 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 RELATIVE TO PENSION BENEFITS FOR FIREFIGHTER LEO J. BRACKEN**

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 7 of chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, and in order to promote the public good, the Boston retirement board shall retire Leo J. Bracken, a firefighter of the city of Boston, who as a result of injuries sustained while in the performance of his duties on October 17, 2019, is totally and permanently injured and incapacitated for further service as a firefighter. Leo J. Bracken shall receive a yearly amount of pension equal to the regular rate of compensation which would have been paid to him had he continued in service as a Boston firefighter at the grade held by him at the time of his retirement. Upon the retirement of Leo J. Bracken, the retirement board of the city shall forthwith pay to him all amounts credited to him in the annuity savings fund of the retirement board of the city. Such retirement shall become effective as of the date following the last day on which he is entitled to receive regular compensation.

SECTION 2. Leo J. Bracken 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 the injuries sustained by him while in the performance of his duties, under section 100 of chapter 41 of the General Laws.

SECTION 3. Upon the death of Leo J. Bracken, if his wife Susan K. Bracken survives him, the Boston retirement board shall pay to Susan K. Bracken an annuity in the amount of three-fourths of the amount of pension that would have been payable to said Leo J. Bracken had he continued to live.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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