



## CITY OF BOSTON

---

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FOUR

---

### HOME RULE PETITION

**WHEREAS:** Mathew Troy, a former firefighter of the City of Boston, passed away as a result of Occupational Cancer he suffered while performing his essential duties as a firefighter; ***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 PROVIDING ACCIDENTAL DEATH BENEFITS FOR THE SURVIVING  
SPOUSE OF A FORMER FIREFIGHTER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON**

**Section 1.**

(a) Notwithstanding Section 9 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, there shall be paid an accidental death benefit from the Boston Retirement Board to Rachel Marie Troy, the surviving spouse of Mathew M. Troy, a former Firefighter of the City of Boston, who died as a result of a condition of impairment of health, including Cholangiocarcinoma, suffered while performing the essential duties of a Firefighter. The benefits shall be paid and administered in accordance with Section 9 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws. Rachel Marie Troy shall receive a lump sum payment from the Boston Retirement Board equal to the total accumulated retirement deductions paid by Mathew M. Troy into the annuity savings fund.

**Section 2.**

Such an accidental death benefit allowance shall consist of a yearly amount of pension equal to seventy-two percent of the annual rate of regular compensation of such member on the date such injury was sustained or such hazard was undergone, or equal to seventy-two percent of the average annual rate of compensation for the twelve-month period for which he last received regular compensation immediately preceding the date of his death, whichever is greater.

**Section 3.**

Rachel Marie Troy, the surviving spouse of Mathew M. Troy, a former Firefighter of the City of Boston, shall be afforded the opportunity to retain medical insurance coverage equivalent to such coverage that Matthew M. Troy would have been entitled to if he had retired from the City of Boston.

**Section 4.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Filed in Boston City Council: August 7, 2024