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FACT SHEET

CLAIM FOR PREFERENCE UNDER G.L. CHAPTER 31, SECTION 26 AMENDED BY
CHAPTER 402B OF THE ACTS OF 1985

Totally Disabled Parent

This preference is given only to those persons whose parent was injured: (1) If a firefighter, while in the performance of his/her duties and as the result of an accident while responding to a fire alarm or while at the scene of a fire, which resulted in his/her being permanently and totally disabled; or (2) If a police officer, while in the performance of his/her duties and as a result of an assault on his/her person, which resulted in his/her being permanently and totally disabled.

In addition, the parent must have been retired at a yearly amount of pension equal to the regular rate of compensation which he/she would have been paid had he/she continued in service at the grade he/she held at the time of his/her retirement, pursuant to a special act of legislature in which he/she was determined to have been permanently and totally disabled.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE LEGAL OFFICE UNTIL you have received a passing grade notification, and have submitted the following documents to the Legal Office of the Human Resources Division, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108; Telephone Number (617) 727-3555; for review of eligibility for preference under G.L. Chapter 31, Section 26:

1. A copy of the candidate's birth certificate, showing him/her as the parent's son or daughter;
2. A copy of the fire or police department report regarding parent's injury;
3. A copy of the Special Act which the Legislature has passed authorizing the payment of full salary to parent by name;
4. A copy of passing grade notification; and
5. A letter from the respective retirement board, which states the section of G.L. Chapter 32 under which benefits are paid to disabled parent.