

HOUSE No. 1794

By Representative Hall of Westford and Senator Panagiotakos, joint petition of Geoffrey D. Hall, James E. Timilty and another relative to providing pension benefits to a surviving spouse who provided continuing care to a totally disabled spouse. Labor and Workforce Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Geoffrey D. Hall
Steven C. Panagiotakos

Barbara Reed

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING PENSION BENEFITS TO A SURVIVING SPOUSE WHO PROVIDED CONTINUING CARE TO A TOTALLY DISABLED SPOUSE.

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 101 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 word “section”, in line 19, the following words:— provided, how-
4 ever, that there shall be paid to said surviving spouse, who because
5 of the prior total disability of the deceased spouse became a constant
6 care giver and could not be otherwise employed an amount of
7 allowance according to subdivision (2) of Section 9.