

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2751

By Representative Story of Amherst and Senator Knapik, joint petition of Ellen Story and others relative to authorizing the State Retirement Board to retire Robert Emmet Fitzgerald, a former State Police officer injured in the line of duty. Public Service.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

Ellen Story  
Michael R. Knapik

Christopher J. Donelan  
Peter V. Kocot

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE RETIREMENT BOARD TO RETIRE ROBERT EMMET FITZGERALD.

*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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or  
2 special law to the contrary, and in order to promote the public good,  
3 the State Retirement Board is hereby authorized and directed to  
4 retire Robert Emmet Fitzgerald, a former State Police Officer, who  
5 as a result of injuries sustained while in the performance of his  
6 duties as an undercover State Police narcotics officer, is incapacitated  
7 from further service as a State Trooper.

8 Robert Emmet Fitzgerald was seriously injured (PTSD) due to his  
9 isolation in "B" Troop for two years posing as a heroin addict. Little  
10 administrative and professional back up support was available at this  
11 time.

12 The annual amount of pension payable to Robert Emmet  
13 Fitzgerald shall be fixed in an amount equal to the regular rate of  
14 compensation which would have been paid had he continued in  
15 service as a State Trooper up to the March 13, 1991 formal notification  
16 of then Secretary of Public Safety James B. Roche. It will also  
17 be retroactive to that date and include health benefits.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.