

# SENATE NO. 2241

## **AN ACT** RELATIVE TO THE DISABILITY RETIREMENT OF NEIL SULLIVAN, A FIREFIGHTER FOR THE CITY OF MELROSE

*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 any general or special law to the contrary and in order to promote the  
2 public good, the Melrose Retirement Board is hereby authorized and directed to retire Neil Sullivan, a  
3 Melrose fire fighter who was seriously injured in the line of duty on August 7, 2005, and, as a result, is  
4 now totally and permanently incapacitated from continuing to work as a fire fighter. In accordance  
5 with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 32, Section 7, he will receive benefits that will be funded  
6 by the Melrose Retirement System, consistent with the dictates of Chapter 32.

7 SECTION 2. In addition to the retirement benefits available and granted to Mr. Sullivan under the  
8 disability retirement provisions of General Laws Chapter 32, Section 7, the City of Melrose shall grant  
9 Mr. Sullivan additional retirement benefits, such that he will receive, on a pre-tax basis, such  
10 additional sums that together with his benefits under Chapter 32 equal his regular rate of compensation  
11 which he would have received had he continued in service as a fire fighter on the day of his injury  
12 August 7, 2005. These additional benefits shall also be funded and administered by and through the  
13 Melrose Retirement Board, consistent with Chapter 32, and subject to any other applicable provisions

14 of that chapter, except that the provisions of Chapter 32, Sections 91A and 8 shall not apply. In  
15 addition, upon his retirement, Mr. Sullivan shall receive a lump sum equal to the amount of his  
16 credited annuity savings fund in the retirement system of the City.

17 SECTION 3. In the event that Mr. Sullivan dies and his wife Jessica survives him, she shall be paid  
18 such amounts, in such manner and from such sources, as would have been payable to Mr. Sullivan  
19 under this special legislation. In the event that both Mr. Sullivan and his wife Jessica die, the payment  
20 provided for by this legislation shall be payable to their children until they all reach the age of 18  
21 years, provided that such payments will continue for the benefit of a child who is physically or  
22 mentally incapacitated from work on a permanent basis.

23 SECTION 4. Indemnification for any hospital, medical, and related healthcare expenses arising out of  
24 Mr. Sullivan's work-related injury shall be administered by the City of Melrose in accordance with the  
25 provisions of G.L. c. 41, sections 100 and 100B, to the extent applicable.

26 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.