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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY TWO

HOME RULE PETITION

WHEREAS: Kurt Stokinger sustained serious injuries while in the performance of his duties, and as a result is incapacitated from further service as a Boston Police Officer; 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 REGARDING THE DISABILITY PENSION FOR KURT STOKINGER

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provision of any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, and in order to promote the public good, the State-Boston Retirement Board is hereby authorized and is directed to increase the accidental disability retirement allowance payable to Kurt Stokinger, a retired officer of the City of Boston who, as a result of injuries sustained while in the performance of his duties on January 8, 2016, is totally and permanently disabled from further service as a police officer.

Section 2. The total annual amount of pension payable to Kurt Stokinger shall be equal to the regular rate of compensation which would have been paid had he continued in service as a police officer of the City of Boston at the grade held by him at the time of his retirement. The additional benefits granted in this act shall be funded and administered by the Boston Retirement Board, consistent with and subject to Chapter 32 of the General Laws, except section 8 and 91A of said Chapter 32 shall not apply. All amounts paid under this act shall be nontaxable.

(a) Such increase in retirement shall become effective commencing on the date for which he received an accidental disability retirement from the State-Boston Retirement Board.

(b) Upon enactment, the State-Boston Retirement Board shall forthwith pay to said Kurt Stokinger the amount credited to him as accumulated total deductions in the annuity savings fund of the State-Boston Retirement Board. Said Kurt Stokinger shall be entitled to receive indemnification for all hospital, medical and related expenses that have been or may be incurred after the date of his retirement as a result of said injuries, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

SECTION 3. Upon the death of Kurt Stokinger, should his wife survive him, the State-Boston Retirement Board shall pay to her, so long as she remains unmarried, an annuity in the amount of three-fourths of the amount the pension payable to him, per month, at the time of his death. If said wife remarries, the City shall pay, in lieu of the aforesaid annuity to her, an annuity of \$550.00 dollars per month to her. In the event that both Kurt Stokinger and his wife die before their children reach the age of eighteen (18) or twenty-two (22), as provided herein, the payments that would otherwise be made to Kurt Stokinger pursuant to Section 2 shall be payable, in equal shares, to each child under the age of eighteen (18); provided, however, that payments shall continue to the age of twenty-two (22) for any child who is enrolled as a full-time student.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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