

HOUSE No. 3262

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Claire D. Cronin

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to witness fees for retired police officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Claire D. Cronin

11th Plymouth

Michael D. Brady

Second Plymouth and Bristol

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By Ms. Cronin of Easton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3262) of Claire D. Cronin and Michael D. Brady relative to witness fees for retired police officers. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to witness fees for retired police officers.

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. Section 51 of Chapter 262 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “of”, in line 1, the following
3 words:- retired police officers or.

4 SECTION 2. Section 53A of Chapter 262 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
5 amended by inserting after the word “fifty-three” in line 2, the following words:- or any retired
6 police officer named in section 53D.

7 SECTION 3. Section 53A of Chapter 262 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
8 further amended by inserting after the word “each” in line 8, the following words:- retired police
9 officer or.

10 SECTION 4. Chapter 262 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
11 section 53C the following section:-

12 Section 53D. Any retired police officer who attends as a witness in a criminal case
13 pending in a district court, including the municipal court of the city of Boston, or in a juvenile
14 court, including Boston juvenile court, shall be allowed a witness fee in the amount of \$50 for
15 each day's attendance. Any retired police officer who attends as a witness in a criminal case
16 pending in a district court, including the municipal court of the city of Boston, or in a juvenile
17 court, including Boston juvenile court, and who by reason of a continuance or postponement
18 thereof, is required to again attend, shall be paid the amount of \$50 for each day of such further
19 attendance. Any retired police officer who attends the superior court as a witness for the
20 commonwealth shall be paid a witness fee in the amount of \$50 for each day's attendance.