

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Brewer**  
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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing the state employees' retirement board to pay a certain retirement benefit to the surviving spouse of John O'Neil.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01455 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD TO PAY A CERTAIN RETIREMENT BENEFIT TO THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF JOHN O'NEIL.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation for this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to make it in the best interest of Caryl H. O'Neil, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 special law, rule or  
2 regulation to the contrary, the state employees' retirement board is hereby authorized and  
3 directed to pay Caryl H. O'Neil, the surviving spouse of John O'Neil, a former employee  
4 at Mount Wachusett Community College, a pension equal to that which she would  
5 receive had section 12 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as currently in effect, been in  
6 effect at the time of retirement of said John O'Neil and at said time John O'Neil had  
7 chosen option (c) as set forth in said section 12 of said section 32. Said payments shall

- 8 become effective on the first payment date after the effective date of this act and shall not
- 9 be retroactive.