

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1678**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Cindy F. Friedman***

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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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the annual allowance for certain survivors of public retirees and employees.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Cindy F. Friedman*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Fourth Middlesex*

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By Ms. Friedman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1678) of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation relative to the annual allowance for certain survivors of public retirees and employees. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1723 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to the annual allowance for certain survivors of public retirees and employees.

*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. Option (d) of section 12 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “or \$500”, in line 233,  
3 the following words:- "or \$750".

4 SECTION 2. Said option (d) of said section 12 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is  
5 hereby further amended by inserting after the word “commission.”, in line 258, the following  
6 paragraph:-

7 Beginning July 1, 2023, the normal monthly member-survivor allowance provided for  
8 under this option to a spouse of a deceased member shall not be less than \$750 for members of  
9 the state teachers’ and state employees’ retirement system. The provisions of this paragraph shall

10 take effect for the members of a retirement system of any other political subdivision by a  
11 majority vote of the board of such system and by the local legislative body. For the purpose of  
12 this paragraph, local legislative body shall mean a town meeting for a town system, the city  
13 council subject to the provisions of its charter for a city system, the county retirement board  
14 advisory council for a county system, the regional retirement board advisory council for a  
15 regional system, the district members for a district system and the governing body of an authority  
16 for an authority system. Acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred upon the filing of a  
17 certification of such vote with the commission.