

HOUSE No. 2393

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.

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 providing for special death benefits to fallen public safety officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2393) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and others for legislation to provide special line-of-duty death benefits to public safety officers. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2263 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act providing for special death benefits to fallen public safety 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 100 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “death”, in line 22, the following
3 words:- provided, however, that for the purpose of any payment on or after December 1, 2010
4 the term amount of pension shall in no case be less than the full salary payable to a police officer
5 in the next grade-step (in the case of a deceased police officer) or a firefighter in the next grade-
6 step (in the case of a deceased firefighter) while employed by a department or uniformed force
7 on the date of such employee's death. Provided further that for the purpose of any payment on or
8 after December 1, 2010, the term amount of pension shall in no case be less than the earnings
9 that would have been payable to a police superior officer were he or she in the next grade-step of
10 a supervisory position (in the case of a police superior officer deceased on or after December 1,

11 2010 who had been appointed to and was serving in such a supervisory position) or payable to a
12 fire officer were he or she in the next grade-step of a supervisory position (in the case of a fire
13 officer deceased on or after December 1, 2010 who had been appointed to and was serving in
14 such a supervisory position) employed by a department or uniformed force on the date of such
15 employee's death.