

**HOUSE . . . . . No.****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera****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 police officers and firefighters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>7/23/2012</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/24/2012</i>
<i>Kevin Aguiar</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>7/25/2012</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>7/30/2012</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/25/2012</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>7/25/2012</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>7/26/2012</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>7/26/2012</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>7/30/2012</i>
<i>Geraldine M. Creedon</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>	<i>7/26/2012</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>7/30/2012</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>	<i>7/26/2012</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/30/2012</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>7/26/2012</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>7/25/2012</i>
<i>George T. Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>7/30/2012</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/26/2012</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>		<i>7/27/2012</i>

<i>Daniel B. Winslow</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>7/30/2012</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>7/31/2012</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>7/31/2012</i>

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera and others relative to death benefits for police officers and firefighters. Public Service.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Twelve  
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An Act providing for special death benefits to police officers and firefighters.

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