

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: |
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| <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> |

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| <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> |

HOUSE No.

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.

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.