

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1287**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kenneth J. Donnelly***

*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 widows and widowers of certain public employees..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Richard T. Moore</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>

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By Mr. Donnelly, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1287) of Kenneth J. Donnelly, Thomas M. Stanley, Richard T. Moore, James B. Eldridge, Thomas M. McGee and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the annual allowance for widows and widowers of certain public employees [Joint Committee on Public Service].

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1044 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to the annual allowance for widows and widowers of certain public 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. Section 12 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 212 after the words “two hundred and  
3 fifty dollars,” the following words:- or five hundred dollars a month, whichever is applicable to  
4 such spouse.

5           SECTION 2. Section 12 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
6 amended by inserting after line 221 the following paragraph:- Beginning July first, two thousand  
7 and eleven, the normal monthly member-survivor allowance provided for under this option to a  
8 spouse of a deceased member shall not be less than five-hundred dollars for members of the state  
9 teachers’ and state employees’ retirement system. The provisions of this paragraph shall take  
10 effect for the members of a retirement system of any other political subdivision by a majority

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