

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1346**

**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 Option (d) beneficiaries.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	
<i>Thomas P. Kennedy</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>3/4/2015</i>

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By Mr. Donnelly, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1346) of Kenneth J. Donnelly, Thomas M. McGee, Jason M. Lewis, Barbara L'Italien and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to Option (d) beneficiaries. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to Option (d) beneficiaries.

*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. Subdivision 2 of Section 12 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking lines 144 thru 150 and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following:

4 Option (d), Member Survivor Allowance. – At any time a member, upon his written  
5 notice on a prescribed form filed with the board prior to his death, may nominate one or more  
6 eligible beneficiaries as set forth under option (c) of this section, who if such member dies before  
7 being retired shall receive a portion, as specified on said form, of the yearly amount of the  
8 option (c) allowance to which such member would have been entitled had his retirement taken  
9 place on the date of his death; provided that in the event that multiple beneficiaries are  
10 nominated the benefit will be calculated using the youngest beneficiary’s age at the time of the  
11 member’s death; and, provided further, that upon the death of a beneficiary, all payments to  
12 surviving beneficiaries shall remain unchanged.