

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1437

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and José F. Tosado*

*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:                  | DATE ADDED:      |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>    | <i>12th Hampden</i>                | <i>1/12/2017</i> |
| <i>José F. Tosado</i>            | <i>9th Hampden</i>                 | <i>1/30/2017</i> |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i>             | <i>2nd Hampden</i>                 | <i>1/13/2017</i> |
| <i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i> | <i>5th Worcester</i>               | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>Michael D. Brady</i>          | <i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>        | <i>10th Plymouth</i>               | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>James J. Dwyer</i>            | <i>30th Middlesex</i>              | <i>1/26/2017</i> |
| <i>Alan Silvia</i>               | <i>7th Bristol</i>                 | <i>1/26/2017</i> |
| <i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>         | <i>1st Barnstable</i>              | <i>1/17/2017</i> |

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By Messrs. Puppolo of Springfield and Tosado of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1437) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and José F. Tosado and others for legislation to provide special line-of-duty death benefits to public safety officers. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2393 OF 2015-2016.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)  
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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.