

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1451**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Todd M. Smola***

*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 providing the next of kin of a state police officer killed in the line of duty with a flag during the memorial service.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	

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By Mr. Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1451) of Todd M. Smola and others for legislation to provide the next of kin of state police officers killed in the line of duty with a flag during memorial services. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2413 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to providing the next of kin of a state police officer killed in the line of duty with a flag during the memorial service.

*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 89 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3           If an officer of the department of state police is killed, or dies from injuries received or  
4 dies as a natural and proximate result of undergoing a hazard peculiar to the officer's  
5 employment, while in the performance of the officer's duty, the officer's next of kin shall receive  
6 from the department a flag of the commonwealth during the memorial service. For purposes of  
7 this paragraph, next of kin shall mean a person who is a surviving spouse, partner, parent or close  
8 family member of the deceased.