

HOUSE No. 742

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Evandro C. Carvalho

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 amending victim compensation statute.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i> | <i>5th Suffolk</i> | <i>1/19/2017</i> |
| <i>Mayor Martin J. Walsh</i> | <i>1 City Hall Square, 5th Floor Boston, MA 02201</i> | <i>1/19/2017</i> |
| <i>Joseph A. Boncore</i> | <i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Daniel Cullinane</i> | <i>12th Suffolk</i> | <i>1/31/2017</i> |
| <i>Daniel J. Hunt</i> | <i>13th Suffolk</i> | <i>1/30/2017</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i> | <i>11th Suffolk</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Daniel J. Ryan</i> | <i>2nd Suffolk</i> | <i>1/27/2017</i> |
| <i>Chynah Tyler</i> | <i>7th Suffolk</i> | <i>1/30/2017</i> |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i> | <i>25th Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i> | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Adrian Madaro</i> | <i>1st Suffolk</i> | |
| <i>Walter F. Timilty</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i> | |

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By Mr. Carvalho of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 742) of Evandro C. Carvalho and others relative to compensation for victims of homicide. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act amending victim compensation statute.

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 2(e) of chapter 258C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the word “shall” and inserting in place thereof
3 the word “may.”

4 SECTION 2. Said section 2(e), as so appearing, is further amended by inserting after the
5 second sentence thereof the following sentence:-

6 In the event of a victim’s death by homicide, said award may be reduced except the costs
7 for appropriate and modest funeral, burial, and/or cremation services shall be paid by the fund.