

SENATE No. 1401

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>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/23/2017</i>

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By Mr. Donnelly, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1401) of Kenneth J. Donnelly, Frank A. Moran, Thomas M. McGee, Michael D. Brady 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 Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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. Section 12 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, in lines 151 to 157,
3 inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

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 option
8 (c) allowance to which such member would have been entitled had his retirement taken place on
9 the date of his death; provided that, in the event that multiple beneficiaries are nominated, the
10 benefit will be calculated using the youngest beneficiary’s age at the time of the member’s death;
11 provided further, that upon the death of a beneficiary, all payments to surviving beneficiaries
12 shall remain unchanged.