

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1409**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***James B. Eldridge***

*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 death benefits to surviving spouses of call and volunteer firefighters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1409) of James B. Eldridge, Carmine L. Gentile and Diana DiZoglio for legislation relative to death benefits to surviving spouses of call and volunteer firefighters. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to death benefits to surviving spouses of call and volunteer firefighters.

*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 9C½ of chapter 32B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 6, after the figure ” 26,” the following  
3 words:- “and such children who are over the age of 19 and physically or mentally incapacitated  
4 from earnings”.

5           SECTION 2. Said section 9C½, as so appearing, is further amended by striking out, in  
6 line 7, the following words:- “continue to”.

7           SECTION 3. Said section 9C½, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking  
8 out, in line 15, the words “100 per cent of the premium” and inserting in place thereof the  
9 following words:- “a premium at the same rate as retirees of the governmental unit from time to  
10 time as part of the total cost”.