

SENATE No. 1483

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins

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 concerning health insurance benefits for surviving spouses of firefighters in the city of Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Nick Collins

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Suffolk

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By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1483) of Nick Collins (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to concern health insurance benefits for surviving spouses of firefighters in the city of Boston. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act concerning health insurance benefits for surviving spouses of firefighters in the city of Boston.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, rule or
2 regulation to the contrary, upon the death of an insured employee who was killed, or who died
3 from injuries or illness received, in the performance of his or her duty as a firefighter in the city
4 of Boston, his or her surviving spouse may continue the group hospital, surgical, medical, dental
5 and other insurance for himself or herself and his or her dependents under age twenty-six;
6 provided that application for such insurance is filed with the appropriate entity in the city of
7 Boston and a method for the payment of premiums shall be determined in accordance with its
8 rules and regulations; and provided, further, that the city of Boston shall contribute at least fifty
9 percent of the premium to be paid by the surviving spouse for such group insurance.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.