

SENATE No. 1515

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 Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/22/2019</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1515) of James B. Eldridge, Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Bruce E. Tarr, Jennifer E. Benson and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to death benefits to surviving spouses of call and volunteer firefighters. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1409 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**
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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 2016
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”.