

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1838**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.*

*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 providing for special death benefits to fallen public safety officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/15/2021</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>John Nelson</i>		<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>

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By Mr. Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1838) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others for legislation to provide special line-of-duty death benefits to public safety officers. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1437 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act providing for special death benefits to fallen public safety officers.

*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 100 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “death”, in line 22, the following  
3 words:- provided, however, that for the purpose of any payment on or after December 1, 2010  
4 the term amount of pension shall in no case be less than the full salary payable to a police officer  
5 in the next grade-step (in the case of a deceased police officer) or a firefighter in the next grade-  
6 step (in the case of a deceased firefighter) while employed by a department or uniformed force  
7 on the date of such employee's death. Provided further that for the purpose of any payment on or  
8 after December 1, 2010, the term amount of pension shall in no case be less than the earnings  
9 that would have been payable to a police superior officer were he or she in the next grade-step of  
10 a supervisory position (in the case of a police superior officer deceased on or after December 1,

11 2010 who had been appointed to and was serving in such a supervisory position) or payable to a  
12 fire officer were he or she in the next grade-step of a supervisory position (in the case of a fire  
13 officer deceased on or after December 1, 2010 who had been appointed to and was serving in  
14 such a supervisory position) employed by a department or uniformed force on the date of such  
15 employee's death.