

HOUSE No. 2555

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>1/21/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>

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By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2555) of Bruce J. Ayers, Adam J. Scanlon and Brian W. Murray relative to option (D) survivor allowance beneficiaries. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2164 OF 2019-2020.]

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

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.