

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1704

---

## 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:

*James B. Eldridge*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Middlesex and Worcester*

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1704

---

By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1704) of James B. Eldridge 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. 1515 OF 2019-2020.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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 of said chapter 32B, as so appearing, is further amended  
6   by striking out, in line 7, the following words:- “continue to”.

7           SECTION 3. Said section 9C½ of said chapter 32B, as so appearing, is hereby further  
8   amended by striking out, in line 15, the words “100 per cent of the premium” and inserting in

- 9 place thereof the following words:- “a premium at the same rate as retirees of the governmental
- 10 unit from time to time as part of the total cost”.