

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cindy F. Friedman

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:

Cindy F. Friedman

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Fourth Middlesex

SENATE No.

By Ms. Friedman, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation relative to Option (d) beneficiaries. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1534 OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**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 12 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking out the paragraph, in lines 154 to 160, inclusive, and inserting in
3 place thereof the following paragraph:-

4 Option (d), Member Survivor Allowance. At any time a member, upon his written notice
5 on a prescribed form filed with the board prior to his death, may nominate one or more eligible
6 beneficiaries as set forth under option (c) of this section, who if such member dies before being
7 retired shall receive a portion, as specified on said form, of the yearly amount of the option (c)
8 allowance to which such member would have been entitled had his retirement taken place on the
9 date of his death; provided that, in the event that multiple beneficiaries are nominated, the benefit
10 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.