

HOUSE No. 1910

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sally P. Kerans and Joan B. Lovely

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 workers' compensation funeral benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Kerans of Danvers and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1910) of Sally P. Kerans and Joan B. Lovely relative to workers' compensation funeral benefits. Labor and Workforce Development.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to workers' compensation funeral benefits.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 152 of the General Laws is hereby amended in Section 33 by striking, the
2 following: "In all cases, the insurer shall pay the reasonable expenses of burial, not exceeding
3 eight times the average weekly wage in the Commonwealth as determined pursuant to subsection
4 (a) of Section 29 of Chapter 151A" and inserting in its place the following:-

5 "Reimbursable final disposition expenses shall include funeral and memorial related
6 expenses associated with unplanned death, including but not limited to funeral visitation
7 services, flowers, casket, death notices and headstone, up to twenty-five thousand dollars or 10
8 times the average weekly wage, whichever is greater."