

HOUSE No. 5055

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Rob Consalvo

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 certain death benefits for the widow of a former firefighter of the city of Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Rob Consalvo</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>9/5/2024</i>

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By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5055) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to provide certain death benefits for Pamela Thompson, the widow of Anthony Thompson, a former firefighter of the city of Boston. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act providing certain death benefits for the widow of a former firefighter of the city of Boston.

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. Notwithstanding section 100 of chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other
2 general or special law to the contrary, and to promote the public good, there shall be paid a line
3 of duty death benefit from the Boston Retirement Board to Pamela Thompson, the widow of
4 Anthony Thompson, a former firefighter of the city of Boston who died as a result of injuries
5 sustained while performing the essential duties of a firefighter. The benefits shall be paid and
6 administered in accordance with section 100 of chapter 32 of the General Laws. Pamela
7 Thompson shall receive a lump sum payment from the Boston Retirement Board equal to the
8 total accumulated retirement deductions paid by Anthony Thompson into the annuity savings
9 fund.

10 SECTION 2. Such line of duty death benefit shall be paid to Pamela Thompson and
11 consist of an annual amount of pension equal to the amount of salary which would have been

12 paid to said firefighter, Anthony Thompson, had he continued in service as a Boston Firefighter.
13 This line of duty death benefit shall maintain parity with the Boston firefighters collective
14 bargaining pay increases. In case of any surviving eligible children there shall be paid to Pamela
15 Thompson the sum of three hundred and twelve dollars per annum for each such child until such
16 time as all such children have attained age eighteen or have attained age twenty-two if a full-time
17 student.

18 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the
19 contrary, the surviving children of Anthony Thompson, a deceased firefighter in the City of
20 Boston, shall be eligible for original appointment to the Boston Fire Department and shall be
21 considered survivors under section 26 of chapter 31 of the General Laws. In order to have their
22 names so certified, said surviving children must first pass the written and physical examinations
23 required of all candidates for entrance to the fire service.

24 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.