

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1679**

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**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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/9/2023</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>10/6/2023</i>

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By Ms. Friedman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1679) of Cindy F. Friedman, Vanna Howard, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Marc R. Pacheco and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to Option (d) beneficiaries. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE [Refile Branch], NO. OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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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 2020 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 or her 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, said beneficiary's portion shall be divided
- 12 evenly among surviving beneficiaries.