

SENATE No. 1688

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

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 extending killed in line of duty benefits to those deceased as a result of COVID-19.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Anne M. Gobi

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Hampshire

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1688) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation to extend killed in line of duty benefits to those deceased as a result of COVID-19. Public Service.

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

An Act extending killed in line of duty benefits to those deceased as a result of COVID-19.

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 any general or special law to the contrary, any uniformed
2 member of a police department who was required to work during the state of emergency
3 concerning the novel coronavirus disease outbreak declared by the governor, lasting from March
4 10, 2020 until June 15, 2021, and required to report to a work location outside of their home,
5 who contracted, had symptoms of or otherwise became infected with the COVID-19, that
6 resulted in a period of hospitalization, quarantine, death, or required self-quarantined measures
7 as a result of being infected or coming into contact with someone who is infected with this virus,
8 shall have their medical condition or incapacity to work presumed to be work-related.

9 SECTION 2. Any employee of the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions who was
10 required to work during the state of emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease
11 outbreak declared by the governor, lasting from March 10, 2020 until June 15, 2021, and
12 required to report to a work location outside of their home and who died as a result of work-

13 related COVID-19 shall be eligible for benefits under section 100 and 100A of Chapter 32 of the
14 General Laws.

15 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.