

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1971**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jeffrey N. Roy*

*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 to restore the statute of limitations for wrongful death claims.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Roy of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1971) of Jeffrey N. Roy relative to the statute of limitations for wrongful death claims. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to restore the statute of limitations for wrongful death claims.

*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 2 of chapter 229 of the General Laws as so appearing in the 2022 Official Edition  
2 is hereby amended after the third sentence by inserting the following sentence:

3           SECTION 1. An action to recover damages under this section is not derivative of any  
4 personal injury claim brought by the decedent, and may be commenced irrespective of whether  
5 the decedent timely commenced a claim for the injury causing death.

6           SECTION 2. This amendment shall be effective retroactively to July 6, 2023.