

HOUSE No. 2856

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard M. Haggerty

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 line-of-duty death and survivor benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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By Representative Haggerty of Woburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2856) of Richard M. Haggerty relative to line-of-duty death and survivor benefits for police officers and firefighters. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2545 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to line-of-duty death and survivor 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 SECTION 1. Section 100A of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the figures “\$300,000” in line 8, inserting in
3 place thereof the figure “\$350,000”; and in said section by striking the figures “\$300,000” in line
4 21, inserting in place thereof the figure “\$350,000”; and in said section by striking the figures
5 “\$300,000” in line 31, inserting in place thereof the figure “\$350,000”; and in said section by
6 striking the figures “\$300,000” in line 32, inserting in place thereof the figure “\$350,000”

7 SECTION 2. Section 100 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “death”, in line 22, the following
9 words:- provided, however, that for the purpose of any payment on or after January 1, 2023 the
10 term amount of pension shall in no case be less than the full salary payable to a police officer in

11 the next grade-step (in the case of a deceased police officer) or a firefighter in the next grade-step
12 (in the case of a deceased firefighter) while employed by a department or uniformed force on the
13 date of such employee's death. Provided further that for the purpose of any payment on or after
14 January 1, 2023, the term amount of pension shall in no case be less than the earnings that would
15 have been payable to a police superior officer were he or she in the next grade-step of a
16 supervisory position (in the case of a police superior officer deceased on or after January 1, 2023
17 who had been appointed to and was serving in such a supervisory position) or payable to a fire
18 officer were he or she in the next grade-step of a supervisory position (in the case of a fire officer
19 deceased on or after January 1, 2023 who had been appointed to and was serving in such a
20 supervisory position) employed by a department or uniformed force on the date of such
21 employee's death.

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