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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jay D. Livingstone

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 fair and equitable line of duty death benefits for public employees.

PETITION OF:

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

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An Act providing fair and equitable line of duty death benefits for public employees.

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 100A of Chapter 32 is hereby amended by striking subsection (c) in its entirety

2   and replacing it with the following:

3   (c) The killed in the line of duty benefit shall be a 1-time payment of $300,000 to the

4   family of a deceased public employee. As used in this section deceased public employee shall

5   mean any public employee working for state or county government, a Massachusetts public

6   higher education institution, a municipality, public school department, or public school district or

7   public authority who, while in the performance of his/her duties and as a result of incident,

8   accident or violence, was killed or sustained injuries which were the direct and proximate cause

9   of his/her death.

10   Section 100A of Chapter 32 is further amended in subsection (d) by replacing each

11   occurrence of the words "public safety employee" in this subsection with the words "public

12   employee"

13   Section 16 of Chapter 15A is hereby amended by inserting after the word "corrections

14   officer" the following words: - any public employee working for state or county government, a

15   Massachusetts public higher education institution, a municipality, public school department, or

16   public school district or public authority