

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carmine Lawrence Gentile

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 death benefits to surviving spouses of call and volunteer firefighters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/6/2025</i>

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

An Act relative to death benefits to surviving spouses of call and volunteer firefighters.

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 9C (1/2) of Chapter 32B of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding in the fifth line after the phrase "under the age of 26," the words "and such children who
3 are over age nineteen and physically or mentally incapacitated from earnings".

4 SECTION 2: Section 9C (1/2) of Chapter 32B of the General Laws is hereby amended by
5 striking out in the sixth line the words "continue to".

6 SECTION 3: Section 9C (1/2) of Chapter 32B of the General Laws is hereby amended by
7 striking out in the twelfth line the words "100 per cent of the premium" and inserting in place
8 there of the words "a premium at the same rate as retirees of the governmental unit from time to
9 time as part of the total cost for such hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health
10 insurance".