

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Todd M. Smola***

*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 providing the next of kin of a state police officer killed in the line of duty with a flag during the memorial service.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2664 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to providing the next of kin of a state police officer killed in the line of duty with a flag during the memorial service.

*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 89 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3           "If an officer of the department of state police is killed, or dies from injuries received or  
4 dies as a natural and proximate result of undergoing a hazard peculiar to the officer's  
5 employment, while in the performance of the officer's duty, the officer's next of kin shall receive  
6 from the department a flag of the commonwealth during the memorial service. For purposes of  
7 this paragraph, next of kin shall mean a person who is a surviving spouse, partner, parent or close  
8 family member of the deceased."