

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kimberly N. Ferguson***

*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 killed in the line of duty benefits to Joanne Songy, surviving spouse of Detective John D. Songy, a police officer of the town of Rutland.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/13/2025</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	<i>1/13/2025</i>

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

An Act providing killed in the line of duty benefits to Joanne Songy, surviving spouse of Detective John D. Songy, a police officer of the town of Rutland.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Worcester  
2 regional retirement board shall pay to Joanne Songy, surviving spouse of detective John D.  
3 Songy, a police officer in the town of Rutland who died from complications related to COVID-  
4 19, benefits pursuant to section 100 of chapter 32 of the General Laws; provided, however, that  
5 all amounts paid hereunder shall be non-taxable to the extent allowable under state law.

6           SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state board  
7 of retirement shall pay to Joanne Songy, surviving spouse of detective John D. Songy, a police  
8 officer in the town of Rutland who died from complications related to COVID-19, benefits  
9 pursuant to section 100A of chapter 32 of the General Laws; provided, however, that all amounts  
10 paid hereunder shall be non-taxable to the extent allowable under state law.

11           SECTION 3. This act shall take effect as of May 29, 2020.