

SENATE No. 1835

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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:	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/24/2025</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/24/2025</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1835) of James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to death benefits to surviving spouses of call and volunteer firefighters. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1652 OF 2023-2024.]

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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 9C½ of chapter 32B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 6, after the figure "26," the following
3 words:- and such children who are over the age of 19 and physically or mentally incapacitated
4 from earnings.

5 SECTION 2. Said section 9C½ of said chapter 32B, as so appearing, is further amended
6 by striking out, in line 7, the following words:- continue to

7 SECTION 3. Said section 9C½ of said chapter 32B, as so appearing, is hereby further
8 amended by striking out, in line 15, the words "100 per cent of the premium" and inserting in

- 9 place thereof the following words:- a premium at the same rate as retirees of the governmental
- 10 unit from time to time as part of the total cost.