

SENATE No. 2574

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins and Daniel J. Hunt

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 accidental death benefits for the surviving spouse of a former firefighter of the City of Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2574) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nick Collins and Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to provide accidental death benefits for the surviving spouse of Mathew M. Troy, a former firefighter of the City of Boston. Public Service.

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

An Act providing accidental death benefits for the surviving spouse of a former firefighter of the City of Boston.

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. (a) Notwithstanding Section 9 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other
2 general or special law to the contrary, and in order to promote the public good, there shall be
3 paid an accidental death benefit from the Boston Retirement Board to Rachel Marie Troy, the
4 surviving spouse of Mathew M. Troy, a former Firefighter of the City of Boston, who died as a
5 result of a condition of impairment of health, including Cholangiocarcinoma, suffered while
6 performing the essential duties of a Firefighter. The benefits shall be paid and administered in
7 accordance with Section 9 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws. Rachel Marie Troy shall receive a
8 lump sum payment from the Boston Retirement Board equal to the total accumulate retirement
9 deductions paid by Mathew M. Troy into the annuity savings fund.

10 Section 2. Such an accidental death benefit allowance shall consist of a yearly amount of
11 pension equal to seventy-two percent of the annual rate of regular compensation of such member
12 on the date such injury was sustained or such hazard was undergone, or equal to seventy-two

13 percent of the average annual rate of compensation for the twelve-month period for which he last
14 received regular compensation immediately preceding the date of his death, whichever is greater.

15 Section 3. Rachel Marie Troy, the surviving spouse of Mathew M. Troy, a former
16 Firefighter of the City of Boston, shall be afforded the opportunity to retain medical insurance
17 coverage equivalent to such coverage that Matthew M. Troy would have been entitled to if he
18 had retired from the City of Boston.

19 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage