

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter J. Durant

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:	
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/13/2025</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1687 OF 2023-2024.]

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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.

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