

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1868**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Cindy F. Friedman***

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*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 Option (d) beneficiaries.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Cindy F. Friedman*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Fourth Middlesex*

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By Ms. Friedman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1868) of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation relative to Option (d) beneficiaries. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1679 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to Option (d) beneficiaries.

*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 12 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the paragraph, in lines 154 to 160, inclusive, and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following paragraph:-

4           Option (d), Member Survivor Allowance. At any time a member, upon his written notice  
5 on a prescribed form filed with the board prior to his or her death, may nominate one or more  
6 eligible beneficiaries as set forth under option (c) of this section, who if such member dies before  
7 being retired shall receive a portion, as specified on said form, of the yearly amount of the option  
8 (c) allowance to which such member would have been entitled had his retirement taken place on  
9 the date of his death; provided that, in the event that multiple beneficiaries are nominated, the  
10 benefit will be calculated using the youngest beneficiary’s age at the time of the member’s death;

- 11 provided further, that upon the death of a beneficiary, said beneficiary's portion shall be divided
- 12 evenly among surviving beneficiaries.