

HOUSE No. 1373

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. Dwyer

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 line-of-duty death and survivor benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Dwyer of Woburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1373) of James J. Dwyer and others relative to line-of-duty death and survivor benefits for police officers and firefighters. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2286 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to line-of-duty death and survivor benefits.

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 100A of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the figures “\$150,000” in line 8, inserting in
3 place thereof the figure “\$250,000”; and in said section by striking the figures “\$150,000” in line
4 21, inserting in place thereof the figure “\$250,000”; and in said section by striking the figures
5 “\$150,000” in line 31, inserting in place thereof the figure “\$250,000”; and in said section by
6 striking the figures “\$150,000” in line 32, inserting in place thereof the figure “\$250,000”

7 SECTION 2. Section 100 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “death”, in line 22, the following
9 words:- provided, however, that for the purpose of any payment on or after December 1, 2010
10 the term amount of pension shall in no case be less than the full salary payable to a police officer

11 in the next grade-step (in the case of a deceased police officer) or a firefighter in the next grade-
12 step (in the case of a deceased firefighter) while employed by a department or uniformed force
13 on the date of such employee's death. Provided further that for the purpose of any payment on or
14 after December 1, 2010, the term amount of pension shall in no case be less than the earnings
15 that would have been payable to a police superior officer were he or she in the next grade-step of
16 a supervisory position (in the case of a police superior officer deceased on or after December 1,
17 2010 who had been appointed to and was serving in such a supervisory position) or payable to a
18 fire officer were he or she in the next grade-step of a supervisory position (in the case of a fire
19 officer deceased on or after December 1, 2010 who had been appointed to and was serving in
20 such a supervisory position) employed by a department or uniformed force on the date of such
21 employee's death.

22 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.