

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1388**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Carmine L. Gentile and 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>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>William Crocker</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>

<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

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By Representative Gentile of Sudbury and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1388) of Carmine L. Gentile and others relative to death benefits for surviving spouses of call and volunteer firefighters. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2308 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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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 9C (1/2) of Chapter 32B of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 adding in the fifth line after the phrase "under the age of 26," the words "and such children who  
3 are over age nineteen and physically or mentally incapacitated from earnings".

4           SECTION 2: Section 9C (1/2) of Chapter 32B of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
5 striking out in the sixth line the words "continue to".

6           SECTION 3: Section 9C (1/2) of Chapter 32B of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
7 striking out in the twelfth line the words "100 per cent of the premium" and inserting in place  
8 there of the words "a premium at the same rate as retirees of the governmental unit from time to

9 time as part of the total cost for such hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health  
10 insurance”.