

HOUSE No. 2241

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tackey Chan

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 the death of judges in the performance of their duties and survivors benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Tackey Chan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Norfolk

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By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2241) of Tackey Chan relative to the death of judges in the performance of their duties and survivors benefits. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2272 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to the death of judges in the performance of their duties and survivors 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. Chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by the adding the
2 following new section:

3 Section 65K Pension; Death of Judge in Performance of Duties; Survivor's Benefits In
4 the event that that a Judge or Justice of any Massachusetts Court dies as a result of other than
5 natural causes in the performance of his/her duties, the judge's designated survivors shall receive
6 maximum retirement benefits, as if the Judge was fully vested, served the maximum number of
7 years and reached the age of 70. For the purposes of this statute, "in the performance of his/her
8 duties" shall include, but shall not be limited to: judicial assignments in any courthouse or other
9 venue, such as hospitals or jails, used to conduct judicial business; to Emergency Judicial
10 Response System assignments; to approved voluntary or assigned education programs or other

11 assignment within the scope of his/her employment as a judge or justice. This statute shall apply
12 to any judge or justice who deceased after January 2002. Benefits shall be effective at the date of
13 death.