

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1483**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Nick Collins*

*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 concerning health insurance benefits for surviving spouses of firefighters in the city of Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Nick Collins*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Suffolk*

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1483**

By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1483) of Nick Collins for legislation to concern health insurance benefits for surviving spouses of firefighters in the city of Boston. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act concerning health insurance benefits for surviving spouses of firefighters in the city of Boston.

*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 the provisions of any general or special law, rule or  
2 regulation to the contrary, upon the death of an insured employee who was killed, or who died  
3 from injuries or illness received, in the performance of his or her duty as a firefighter in the city  
4 of Boston, his or her surviving spouse may continue the group hospital, surgical, medical, dental  
5 and other insurance for himself or herself and his or her dependents under age twenty-six;  
6 provided that application for such insurance is filed with the appropriate entity in the city of  
7 Boston and a method for the payment of premiums shall be determined in accordance with its  
8 rules and regulations; and provided, further, that the city of Boston shall contribute at least fifty  
9 percent of the premium to be paid by the surviving spouse for such group insurance.

10           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.