

HOUSE No. 2431

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

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.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Bruce J. Ayers</i> | <i>1st Norfolk</i> | <i>1/18/2023</i> |
| <i>Vanna Howard</i> | <i>17th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2023</i> |
| <i>Steven Ultrino</i> | <i>33rd Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2023</i> |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i> | <i>12th Hampden</i> | <i>2/1/2023</i> |
| <i>Josh S. Cutler</i> | <i>6th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/1/2023</i> |
| <i>James K. Hawkins</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> | <i>2/1/2023</i> |
| <i>Brian W. Murray</i> | <i>10th Worcester</i> | <i>2/1/2023</i> |
| <i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i> | <i>9th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/1/2023</i> |
| <i>Ryan M. Hamilton</i> | <i>15th Essex</i> | <i>2/1/2023</i> |
| <i>Marc R. Pacheco</i> | <i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i> | <i>2/1/2023</i> |
| <i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2023</i> |
| <i>Rodney M. Elliott</i> | <i>16th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/2/2023</i> |
| <i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i> | <i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i> | <i>2/2/2023</i> |
| <i>Paul R. Feeney</i> | <i>Bristol and Norfolk</i> | <i>3/2/2023</i> |

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By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2431) of Bruce J. Ayers and others relative to option (D) survivor allowance beneficiaries. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2556 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

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 2020 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: -

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5 Option (D), Member Survivor Allowance. — At any time, a member, upon his written
6 notice

7 on a prescribed form filed with the board prior to his or her death, may nominate one or
8 more eligible beneficiaries as set forth under option (c) of this section, who if such member dies
9 before being retired, shall receive a portion, as specified on said form, of the yearly amount of

10 the option (c)allowance to which such member would have been entitled had his retirement taken

11 place on the date of his death; provided that, in the event that multiple beneficiaries are
12 nominated, the benefit will be calculated using the youngest beneficiary's age at the time of the
13 member's death; provided further, that upon the death of a beneficiary, said beneficiary's portion
14 shall be divided equally among surviving beneficiaries.