

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2533**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Carmine Lawrence Gentile***

*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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/12/2023</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>

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By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2533) of Carmine Lawrence 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. 2653 OF 2021-2022.]

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