

SENATE No. 1867

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cindy F. Friedman

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 annual allowance for certain survivors of public retirees and employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cindy F. Friedman

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Fourth Middlesex

SENATE No. 1867

By Ms. Friedman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1867) of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation relative to the annual allowance for certain survivors of public retirees and employees. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1678 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act relative to the annual allowance for certain survivors of public retirees and employees.

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. Option (d) of section 12 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 233, the words “or \$500”
3 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- , \$500 or \$750.

4 SECTION 2. Said option (d) of said section 12 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is
5 hereby further amended by inserting after the word “commission.”, in line 258, the following
6 paragraph:-

7 Beginning July 1, 2025, the normal monthly member-survivor allowance provided for
8 under this option to a spouse of a deceased member shall not be less than \$750 for members of
9 the state teachers’ and state employees’ retirement system. The provisions of this paragraph shall

10 take effect for the members of a retirement system of any other political subdivision by a
11 majority vote of the board of such system and by the local legislative body. For the purpose of
12 this paragraph, local legislative body shall mean a town meeting for a town system, the city
13 council subject to the provisions of its charter for a city system, the county retirement board
14 advisory council for a county system, the regional retirement board advisory council for a
15 regional system, the district members for a district system and the governing body of an authority
16 for an authority system. Acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred upon the filing of a
17 certification of such vote with the commission.