

HOUSE No. 165

By Messrs. Cleary and Cappucci of Boston, petition of David M. Cleary, Enrico Cappucci and another for legislation relative to payments by cities and towns to the widow and children of firemen and police officers killed in the performance of duty. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PAYMENTS BY CITIES AND TOWNS TO THE WIDOW AND CHILDREN OF FIREMEN AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the
same, as follows:*

- 1 Chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended
- 2 by inserting after section 89 the following new sec-
- 3 tion:—
- 4 *Section 89A.* If a member of the fire or police
- 5 department of a city or town which accepts this sec-
- 6 tion is killed while in the performance of his duty as
- 7 such member, there shall be paid out of the city or
- 8 town treasury to the following dependents of such
- 9 deceased person the following annuities: To the
- 10 widow, so long as she remains unmarried, an annuity
- 11 equal to the annual compensation payable to such
- 12 member at the time he was killed; and, if the widow

13 dies, such an annuity as would have been payable to
14 the widow had she lived, in equal shares to or for the
15 benefit of the children of such deceased member
16 under the age of eighteen, or over said age and physi-
17 cally or mentally incapacitated from earning; and,
18 if the widow remarries, in lieu of the aforesaid annuity
19 to her, an annuity to or for the benefit of such children,
20 equal to five hundred dollars if there is only one such
21 child, equal to nine hundred dollars if there are two
22 such children, equal to twelve hundred dollars if
23 there are three such children, and equal to said twelve
24 hundred dollars, plus two hundred dollars for each
25 such child in excess of three.