

By Mr. Kamens of Chelsea, petition of Jeremiah Kamens for the payment of annuities to the widow and children of members of the police department of the Metropolitan District who are killed or die within a year from injuries received in the performance of their duties. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF ANNUITIES WHERE MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT ARE KILLED OR DIE WITHIN A YEAR FROM INJURIES RECEIVED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

*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 striking out section 71, as appearing in the Ter-  
3 centenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following section: —

5 *Section 71.* Subject to the requirement of election  
6 set forth in the second paragraph of section eighty-  
7 nine, if any permanent or call officer of said police  
8 department is killed or dies within one year from in-  
9 juries received while in the performance of his duty  
10 as such officer and it shall be proved to the satisfaction

11 of the commission that such death was the natural  
12 and proximate result of an accident occurring during  
13 the performance and within the scope of his duty as  
14 such officer and the attending physician or medical  
15 examiner shall certify to the state treasurer that the  
16 death was the direct result of the said injury, there  
17 shall be paid an annuity equal to his annual compensa-  
18 tion at the time he was killed or received the injury  
19 causing his death, to the widow so long as she remains  
20 unmarried, or, if there is no widow or the widow later  
21 dies or remarries and so long as there is any child under  
22 the age of eighteen or over said age and physically  
23 or mentally incapacitated from earning, to or for the  
24 benefit of such children in equal shares, or, if there is  
25 no widow or the widow later dies or remarries and  
26 there is no such child, to or for the benefit of the de-  
27 pendent father, mother, brother and sister of the  
28 deceased, or any of them, so long as such dependency  
29 continues. The provisions of this and the two pre-  
30 ceding sections as to pensions or annuities for dis-  
31 ability or death resulting from injuries received in the  
32 performance of duty shall apply to officers assigned to  
33 duty under the commissioner of public safety as pro-  
34 vided in section four of chapter one hundred and  
35 forty-seven.