

HOUSE No. 199

By Mr. Cleary of Boston, petition of the Massachusetts State Council, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees that the Commonwealth be authorized to pay annuities to widows and children of state employees killed in the performance of duty. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PAYMENTS BY THE COMMONWEALTH TO THE WIDOW AND CHILDREN OF STATE EMPLOYEES 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 section:—
3 *Section 89A.* If any employee of the commonwealth
4 is killed while in the performance of his duty as such
5 employee there shall be paid out of the state treasury
6 to the following dependents of such deceased employee
7 the following annuities:— To the widow, so long as
8 she remains unmarried, an annuity equal to the annual
9 compensation payable to such employee at the time
10 he was killed; and, if the widow dies, such an annuity
11 as would have been payable to the widow had she
12 lived, in equal shares to or for the benefit of the chil-

13 dren of such deceased employee under the age of
14 eighteen, or over said age and physically or mentally
15 incapacitated from earning; and, if the widow re-
16 marries, in lieu of the aforesaid annuity to her, an
17 annuity to or for the benefit of such children, equal to
18 five hundred dollars if there is only one such child,
19 equal to nine hundred dollars if there are two such
20 children, equal to twelve hundred dollars if there are
21 three such children, and equal to said twelve hundred
22 dollars, plus two hundred dollars for each such child
23 in excess of three.