

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1841

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By Mr. Folsom of Lynn (by request), petition of Harold J. Hanlon for legislation relative to payments by cities and towns to widows and children of police officers killed in the performance of duty. Pensions and Old Age Assistance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO PAYMENTS BY CITIES AND TOWNS  
TO THE WIDOW AND CHILDREN OF 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 police force of a
- 5 city or town which accepts this section is killed while
- 6 in the performance of his duty as such member, there
- 7 shall be paid out of the city or town treasury to the
- 8 following dependents of such deceased person the
- 9 following annuities: To the widow, so long as she
- 10 remains unmarried, an annuity not exceeding two
- 11 thousand dollars a year, increased by not exceeding
- 12 five hundred dollars for each child, of such deceased
- 13 person under the age of eighteen, or over such age

14 and physically or mentally incapacitated from earning,  
15 and, if the widow dies, such an annuity as would  
16 have been payable to the widow had she lived, to or  
17 for the benefit of such children in equal shares; and,  
18 if the widow remarries, in lieu of the aforesaid an-  
19 nuity to her, an annuity not exceeding seven hundred  
20 dollars to or for the benefit of each such child. No  
21 payments shall be paid under this section on account  
22 of the death of a police officer if payments on account  
23 thereof are made under section eighty-nine.