

By Mr. Long of Fall River, petition of John J. Long for legislation to further regulate the law relative to pensions granted to widows of fire fighters killed in the performance of duty. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE LAW RELATIVE TO PENSIONS FOR WIDOWS OF FIRE FIGHTERS 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 Section 100 of chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the first sentence, as most recently  
3 amended by chapter 506 of the acts of 1971, and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following sentence: — Notwithstanding any  
5 provision of this chapter or any other law, if a fire fighter  
6 while in the performance of his duties or as the result of an  
7 accident while responding to or returning from an alarm of fire  
8 or any emergency or while at the scene of a fire or any  
9 emergency is killed or sustains injuries which result in his  
10 death, or if a police officer while in the performance of his  
11 duties and as the result of an assault on his person is killed or  
12 sustains injuries which result in his death, there shall be paid to  
13 the widow of such fire fighter or such police officer an annual  
14 amount of pension which shall be equal to the amount of  
15 salary which would have been paid to such fire fighter or such  
16 police officer had he continued in service in the position held  
17 by him at the time of his death; provided, however, that the  
18 amount of pension immediately payable shall be equal to the  
19 maximum salary set for the position whether or not such  
20 police officer or fire fighter had reached the maximum at the  
21 time of his death.

