

By Mr. Catjakis of Springfield, petition of Athan Catjakis relative to insurance coverage of widows and children of certain deceased police officers. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INSURANCE COVERAGE OF WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF CERTAIN DECEASED POLICE OFFICERS.

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 32B of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 9C the following section: —

3 Section 9C½. Upon the death of an insured employee who was
4 killed, or who died from injuries received, in the performance of
5 his duty as a police officer, his surviving spouse may continue the
6 group hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health
7 insurance for herself and her dependents under age nineteen, until
8 the remarriage or death of said surviving spouse; provided that
9 application for such insurance shall be filed with the appropriate
10 public authority and a method for the payment of premiums shall
11 be determined in accordance with its rules and regulations; and
12 provided, further that said surviving spouse shall pay fifty per cent
13 of a premium the amount of which may be changed by the govern-
14 mental unit from time to time as part of the total cost for such
15 hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance. The
16 governmental unit shall contribute the remaining fifty per cent of
17 said premium together with payment in full of a subsidiary or
18 additional rate which rate may be lower or higher than the govern-
19 mental unit's share of the aforesaid premium.

20 This section shall take effect in a county, except Worcester
21 county, city, town or district upon its acceptance in the following
22 manner: — In a county by vote of the county commissioners; in

23 a city having a Plan D or Plan E charter by majority vote of its
24 city council; in any other city by vote of its city council, approved
25 by the mayor; in a district by vote of the registered voters of the
26 district at a district meeting; and in a town by submission for
27 acceptance to the registered voters in the form of the following
28 question which shall be printed upon the official ballot to be used
29 at an election: — “Shall the town pay one half of a premium for
30 group hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health
31 insurance for the surviving widow and dependents of an insured
32 police officer who was killed or who died from injuries received
33 in the performance of his duty, with the survivor paying the
34 remaining one half, and shall the town also pay a subsidiary or
35 additional rate?” Section nine B shall not apply in any
36 governmental unit which accepts the provisions of this section.