

SENATE No. 407

To accompany the petition of James A. Philbrick and another for compensation from the State treasury to the families of members of the State police, and of the Metropolitan district police, and of policemen of cities and towns, killed or fatally injured in performance of duty. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty.

AN ACT

To provide a State Allowance to the Families of Certain Policemen killed or fatally injured in the Discharge 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 If a policeman in a regularly organized police
2 department of a city or town, or a member of
3 the state police or of the police force employed
4 by the metropolitan district commission, is killed,
5 or dies within sixty days from injuries received
6 while in the performance of his duties, and his
7 death is certified by the city or town clerk, com-
8 missioner of public safety, or commissioner of
9 the metropolitan district commission, as the

10 case may be, and the attending physician or
11 medical examiner, to the treasurer and receiver
12 general, he shall pay to the executor or ad-
13 ministrator of such policeman, the sum of one
14 thousand dollars for the use equally of his widow
15 and minor children; or if there are minor chil-
16 dren but no widow, to their use; or if there is
17 no minor child, to the use of the widow; and if
18 there is no widow or minor child, to the use of
19 the next of kin if dependent on such deceased
20 policeman for support. A child of full age de-
21 pendent upon such policeman for support shall
22 be regarded as a minor child.

