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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, May 12, 1924.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

Under the provisions of Article LVI. of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning herewith House Bill No. 1665, entitled "An Act Relative to Payments to the Families of Policemen killed, or Dying from Injuries received, while on Duty," with the recommendation that it be amended as follows:

By adding after the word "widow" in the thirteenth line, the following:

"and if there is no widow or minor child to the use of the next of kin, if dependent upon such deceased person for support."

The purpose of the amendment is to give to the dependent relatives of unmarried police officers who are killed or die from injuries received while in the performance of their duty the same financial protection as dependents of married police officers.

The Police Commissioner of the City of Boston in his annual report calls attention to the necessity of such legislation and has recently called my attention to two cases of unmarried police officers dying as a result of injuries and leaving dependent next of kin. There does not seem to be justification for the discrimination permitted in the bill as it now stands.

CHANNING H. COX.

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