

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MEMORANDUM OF THE MASSACHUSETTS SECRETARY OF STATE IN RESPECT TO THE PETITION OF ELEANOR MYERSON AND EDWARD W. MERRICK, JR. RELATIVE TO DEATH BENEFITS PAYABLE TO MEMBERS UPON THE DEATH OF THEIR SPOUSE.

February 27, 1986

To the Honorable Senate and
House of Representatives:

On February 24, 1986 the Clerk of the House transmitted the above referenced petition and accompanying bill to me with a request for a memorandum. Said petition is subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 3, section 7.

The Brookline Police Mutual Aid Association was organized on November 4, 1887 pursuant to Chapter 115 of the Public Statutes. The corporation was formed to assist members when sick or disabled and to assist their families upon death of a member or a member's spouse.

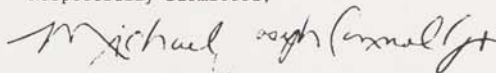
The corporations charter was amended by Chapter 67 of the Acts of 1922 to authorize payment to any member in good standing upon the death of his wife, the sum of one hundred dollars. This amount was increased to five hundred dollars by Chapter 68 of the Acts of 1955.

The bill before you seeks to authorize the corporation to pay the sum of one thousand dollars to any member in good standing upon the death of their spouse.

The subject of the proposed legislation comes within the purview of the Commissioner of Insurance. It is respectfully suggested that an opinion be sought from that office.

Finally, it appears special legislation is not necessary to effect the desired result. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 176, section 6 enables the corporation to amend its certificate of organization by means of a routine filing. It is, however, within your authority to make use of the legislative method to accomplish this change. This office has no opinion on the merits of the proposed bill.

Respectfully submitted,



MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

By Mrs. Myerson of Brookline, petition of Eleanor Myerson and others relative to death benefits payable to surviving spouses of members of the Brookline Police Mutual Aid Association. Insurance.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BROOKLINE POLICE MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION.

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 1. Section 1 of Chapter 67 of the acts of 1922 as
2 most recently amended by Chapter 68 of the acts of 1955 is hereby
3 further amended by striking out section 1 and inserting the
4 following: —

5 Section 1. The Brookline Police Mutual Aid Association, a
6 corporation duly established by law, is hereby authorized, acting
7 by its Board of Directors, to pay or cause to be paid from its trea-
8 sury to any member in good standing, upon the death of their
9 spouse, a sum, not to exceed one thousand dollars.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.