

By Mr. Vellucci of Cambridge, petition of Peter A. Vellucci relative to the payment of funeral and burial expenses of certain fire fighters and police officers. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-One.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES OF CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS.

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 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 100G the following section: —
3 Section 100G¼. Any city operating under a Plan D or Plan
4 E charter, by the affirmative vote of a majority of its city council
5 or any other city, by a majority vote of its city council with the
6 approval of its mayor, and any town, by a majority vote at an
7 annual or special town meeting, shall pay the reasonable expense,
8 not exceeding five thousand dollars, of the funeral and burial of
9 any firefighter while in the performance of his duty and as a result
10 of an accident while responding to or returning from an alarm
11 or fire or any emergency or as the result of an accident involving
12 a fire department vehicle, which the firefighter is operating or in
13 which he is riding or while at the scene of a fire or any emergency
14 is killed or sustains injuries which result in his death, or of any
15 police officer who while in the performance of his duty and as
16 the result of an assault on his person, or a result of an accident
17 while responding to an emergency while in the performance of
18 his official duty or as result of an accident involving a police
19 department vehicle which he is operating or in which he is riding
20 is killed or sustains injuries which result in his death. The
21 provisions of this section shall become effective in a city or town
22 when accepted by such city or town.

23 A city or town accepting this section shall, as of the effective
 24 date of such acceptance, no longer be subject to the provisions
 25 of section one hundred G, and any payments made hereunder shall
 26 be in the alternative to payments under said section one hundred G.