

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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MEMORANDUM OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH PURSUANT TO GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 7, WITH RESPECT TO PETITION OF VINCENT J. PIRO, WILLIAM A. PICKETT, MARIE E. HOWE, MARY E. FANTASIA, DENIS L. McKENNA AND ANOTHER RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN DEATH BENEFITS WHICH MAY BE PAID BY THE SOMERVILLE POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

February 21, 1975.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.*

The above-named petition was transmitted to me by the Clerk of the House of Representatives on January 20, 1975, with a request for a memorandum.

Somerville Police Relief Association was incorporated under the provisions of Chapter 375 of the Acts of 1874 on January 24, 1882. On December 19, 1899 a Certificate of Re-Incorporation was filed in this office by said corporation under the provisions of Section 25 of Chapter 442 of the Acts of 1899. Chapter 334 of the Acts of 1936 and Chapter 249 of the Acts of 1957 were acts relative to the corporate powers of the Somerville Police Relief Association. Chapter 276 of the Acts of 1970 increased the amount of certain death benefits which may be paid by the Somerville Police Relief Association. Chapter 491 of the Acts of 1973 increased the amount of certain death benefits which may be paid by Somerville Police Relief Association.

Section 1 of the bill before your honorable bodies seeks to authorize Somerville Police Relief Association, upon the death of the wife of any member in good standing, to pay to such member such sum, not exceeding Five thousand dollars, as may be determined from time to time by vote of said corporation, and, upon the death of any member in good standing, to pay such death benefits, not exceeding Ten thousand dollars, as may be determined from time to time by vote as aforesaid.

Section 2 of the bill recites that the act shall take effect upon its passage.

The subject matter of this bill comes within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Insurance Commissioner. It is, therefore, respectfully suggested that his opinion be sought on the merits of the legislation.

This office expresses no opinion on the merits of the bill, and no fee is required to be paid by a corporation of this type under the provisions of Chapter 3, Section 7.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL GUZZI,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

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By Mr. Piro of Somerville, petition of Vincent J. Piro, William A. Pickett, Marie E. Howe, Mary E. Fantasia, Denis L. McKenna and another relative to increasing the amount of certain death benefits which may be paid by the Somerville Police Relief Association Insurance.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN DEATH BENEFITS WHICH MAY BE PAID BY SOMERVILLE POLICE RELIEF 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. Somerville Police Relief Association, a corpora-  
2 tion duly established under the laws of the commonwealth, is  
3 hereby authorized, upon the death of the wife of any member in  
4 good standing, to pay to such member such sum, not exceeding  
5 Five thousand dollars, as may be determined from time to time by  
6 vote of said corporation, and, upon the death of any member in  
7 good standing, to pay such death benefits, not exceeding Ten  
8 thousand dollars, as may be determined from time to time by vote  
9 as aforesaid.

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

