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FACT SHEET

CLAIM FOR PREFERENCE UNDER G.L. CHAPTER 31, SECTION 26 AMENDED BY  
CHAPTER 402A OF THE ACTS OF 1985

Deceased Parent

This preference is given only to those persons whose parent died: (1) If a firefighter, while in the performance of his/her duties and as a result of an accident while responding to a fire alarm or while at the scene of a fire, from injuries which resulted in his/her death; or (2) If a police officer, while in the performance of his/her duties and as a result of an assault on his/her person, sustained injuries which resulted in his/her death.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE LEGAL OFFICE UNTIL you have received a passing grade notification, and have submitted the following documents to the Legal Office of the Human Resources Division, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108; Telephone Number (617) 727-3555; for review of eligibility for preference under G.L. Chapter 31, Section 26:

1. A copy of the candidate's birth certificate, showing him/her as the parent's son or daughter;
2. A copy of parent's death certificate;
3. A copy of the fire or police department report regarding parent's death;
4. A copy of passing grade notification; and
5. A letter from the respective retirement board, which states the section of G. L. Chapter 32 under which benefits are paid to the beneficiary due to parent's death.