



# City of Philadelphia

City Council  
Chief Clerk's Office  
402 City Hall  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

**BILL NO. 120646**

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**Councilmember Kenney**

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**Referred to the  
Committee on Law and Government**

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## **AN ORDINANCE**

Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to establish the "Hero's Panel" to protect the dignity and legacy of fallen police officers, firefighters and paramedics for the purpose of responsibly determining whether a police officer, firefighter or paramedic has died in the line of duty; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

### *THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:*

SECTION 1. There shall be submitted for the approval or disapproval of the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia at the election to be held May \_\_\_\_, 2013, the amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter contained in Resolution No. 120664 approved by Council on \_\_\_\_\_, and filed in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

SECTION 2. There shall be placed on the ballot the following question to be answered "Yes" or "No" by the qualified electors participating in the election:

Shall The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to establish the "Hero's Panel" to protect the dignity and legacy of fallen police officers, firefighters and paramedics for the purpose of responsibly determining whether a police officer, firefighter or paramedic has died in the line of duty?

SECTION 3. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to have printed in pamphlet form, in sufficient number for general distribution, the proposed amendment to The

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Philadelphia Home Rule Charter as set forth in Resolution No. 120664 together with the ballot question set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to cause to be published in three (3) newspapers of general circulation in the City and in the Legal Intelligencer the proposed amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, together with the ballot question set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance, once during the three (3) weeks preceding the election on May \_\_\_\_, 2013; and further, at such other time and in such other manner as the Clerk may consider desirable.

SECTION 5. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to issue a proclamation giving at least thirty (30) days' notice of such election. The Clerk of Council shall cause a copy of the proclamation to be published in at least two newspapers of general circulation in the City, and in the Legal Intelligencer, once a week during the three (3) weeks preceding the election on May \_\_\_\_, 2013.

SECTION 6. The appropriate officers are authorized and directed to take such action as may be required for the holding of an election on the ballot question set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance as provided for by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.