

HOUSE BILL No. 4298

February 27, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Shackleton, Meyer, Sheltroun, Vander Veen, Stahl, Rocca, Ehardt, Spade and Richardville and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security.

A bill to create a health insurance benefit for the spouse and children of a public safety officer who is killed in the line of duty.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. The department of treasury shall administer and
2 carry out the purpose of this act.

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Department" means the Michigan department of treasury.

5 (b) "Fund" means the fund created in section 3.

6 (c) "Killed" means that the public safety officer's death is
7 the direct and proximate result of a traumatic injury incurred in
8 the line of duty.

9 (d) "Line of duty" means an action that a public safety
10 officer is obligated or authorized to perform by rule,
11 regulation, condition of employment or service, or law,

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1 including, but not limited to, a social, ceremonial, or athletic
2 function that the public safety officer is assigned to or
3 compensated for by the public agency he or she serves.

4 (e) "Public safety officer" means any individual serving a
5 public agency in an official capacity, with or without
6 compensation, as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, rescue
7 squad member, or ambulance crew member.

8 Sec. 3. (1) The public safety officers survivors fund is
9 created within the state treasury.

10 (2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets
11 from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer
12 shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer
13 shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund
14 investments.

15 (3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall
16 remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

17 (4) The department of treasury shall expend money from the
18 fund, upon appropriation, only for 1 or more of the following
19 purposes:

20 (a) To provide lifetime health insurance coverage for the
21 spouse of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty.

22 (b) To provide health insurance coverage for the children of
23 a public safety officer killed in the line of duty until those
24 children are 18 years of age or until 23 years of age if enrolled
25 as a full-time student in a college or university.