

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4763

August 13, 2025, Introduced by Rep. Woolford and referred to Committee on Insurance.

A bill to amend 2004 PA 46, entitled  
"Public safety officers benefit act,"  
by amending section 2 (MCL 28.632), as amended by 2016 PA 284.

## **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

- 1       Sec. 2. As used in this act:
- 2       (a) "Commission" means the commission on law enforcement
- 3 standards created under the **Michigan** commission on law enforcement
- 4 standards act, 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.601 to ~~28.616~~.**28.615.**

1           (b) "County medical examiner" means an individual appointed as  
2 a county medical examiner under 1953 PA 181, MCL 52.201 to 52.216.

3           (c) ~~(b)~~—"Dependent" means any individual who was substantially  
4 reliant for support ~~upon~~ on the income of ~~the~~ a deceased public  
5 safety officer.

6           (d) "Deputy county medical examiner" means an individual  
7 appointed as a deputy county medical examiner under 1953 PA 181,  
8 MCL 52.201 to 52.216.

9           (e) ~~(e)~~—"Direct and proximate" means that the antecedent event  
10 is a substantial factor in the result.

11           (f) ~~(d)~~—"Firefighter" means a regularly employed member of a  
12 fire department of a city, county, township, village, state  
13 university, or community college or any authority, district, board,  
14 or other entity created in whole or in part by 1 or more cities,  
15 counties, villages, or townships, or a member of the department of  
16 natural resources who is employed to fight fires. Firefighter  
17 includes a **part-time or** volunteer member of a fire department.

18           (g) ~~(e)~~—"Law enforcement officer" means an individual involved  
19 in crime and juvenile delinquency control or reduction or  
20 enforcement of the criminal law. Law enforcement officer includes  
21 police, corrections, probation, parole, bailiffs, or other similar  
22 court officers.

23           (h) ~~(f)~~—"Line of duty" means ~~either~~ 1 of the following:

24           (i) Any action ~~which~~ **that** an officer whose primary function is  
25 crime control or reduction, enforcement of the criminal law, or  
26 suppression of fires is obligated or authorized by rule,  
27 regulations, condition of employment or service, or law to perform,  
28 including those social, ceremonial, or athletic functions to which  
29 the officer is assigned, or for which the officer is compensated,

1 by the public agency ~~he or she~~ **the officer** serves. For other  
 2 officers, line of duty means any action the officer is so obligated  
 3 or authorized to perform in the course or controlling or reducing  
 4 crime, enforcing the criminal law, or suppressing fires.

5 (ii) Any action ~~which~~ **that** an officially recognized or  
 6 designated public employee member of a rescue squad or ambulance  
 7 crew is obligated or authorized by rule, regulation, condition of  
 8 employment or service, or law to perform.

9 (iii) **Any action that a county medical examiner, deputy county**  
 10 **medical examiner, or medical examiner investigator is obligated or**  
 11 **authorized by rule, regulation, condition of employment or service,**  
 12 **or law to perform.**

13 (i) ~~(g)~~ "Medical benefit plan" means a plan to provide for the  
 14 payment of medical, optical, or dental benefits, including, but not  
 15 limited to, hospital and physician services, prescription drugs,  
 16 and related benefits.

17 (j) **"Medical examiner investigator" means an individual**  
 18 **appointed as a medical examiner investigator under 1953 PA 181, MCL**  
 19 **52.201 to 52.216.**

20 (k) ~~(h)~~ "Member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew" means an  
 21 emergency medical technician, a medical first responder, or a  
 22 paramedic, as those terms are defined in sections 20904, 20906, and  
 23 20908 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20904,  
 24 333.20906, and 333.20908, or an officially recognized or designated  
 25 employee or volunteer member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew.

26 (l) ~~(i)~~ "Permanent and total disability" means medically  
 27 determinable consequences of a catastrophic, line-of-duty injury  
 28 that permanently prevent a former public safety officer from  
 29 performing any gainful work.

1           **(m)** ~~(j)~~ "Public safety officer" or "officer" means any  
2 individual serving a public agency or any authority, district,  
3 board, or other entity created in whole or in part by 1 or more  
4 cities, counties, villages, or townships, in an official capacity,  
5 with or without compensation, as a law enforcement officer,  
6 firefighter, ~~or~~ member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew, **county**  
7 **medical examiner, deputy county medical examiner, or medical**  
8 **examiner investigator.**

9           **(n)** ~~(k)~~ "Surviving spouse" means the ~~husband or wife~~ **spouse** of  
10 the deceased officer at the time of the officer's death, and  
11 includes a spouse living apart from the officer at the time of the  
12 officer's death for any reason.