

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 150 Session of
2005

INTRODUCED BY SOLOBAY, ALLEN, BARRAR, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BUNT, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, CAWLEY, CLYMER, COSTA, CURRY, DALLY, DeLUCA, DeWEESE, EACHUS, FABRIZIO, FLEAGLE, FLICK, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GABIG, GEIST, GEORGE, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HARHART, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HERSHEY, HESS, KOTIK, LEACH, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, McCALL, McGEEHAN, McILHATTAN, MELIO, MICOZZIE, O'NEILL, PHILLIPS, PISTELLA, READSHAW, REED, REICHLEY, RUFFING, SAINATO, SATHER, SCAVELLO, SHANER, B. SMITH, STABACK, SURRA, THOMAS, TIGUE, VEON, WALKO, WASHINGTON, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK AND PETRONE,
JANUARY 31, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, JANUARY 31, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 24, 1976 (P.L.424, No.101), entitled,
2 as amended, "An act providing for the payment of death
3 benefits to the surviving spouse or children or parents of
4 firefighters, ambulance service or rescue squad members, law
5 enforcement officers or National Guard members killed in the
6 performance of their duties," providing for benefits payable.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1(b) of the act of June 24, 1976
10 (P.L.424, No.101), referred to as the Emergency and Law
11 Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act, amended April 2, 2002
12 (P.L.213, No.20), is amended to read:

13 Section 1. * * *

14 (b) A volunteer firefighter shall be deemed to be acting in
15 the performance of his duties for the purposes of this act going

1 to or directly returning from a fire which the fire company or
2 fire department attended including travel from and direct return
3 to a firefighter's home, place of business or other place where
4 he or she shall have been when he or she received the call or
5 alarm or while participating in instruction fire drills in which
6 the fire department or fire company shall have participated or
7 while repairing or doing other work about or on the fire
8 apparatus or buildings and grounds of the fire company or fire
9 department upon the authorization of the chief of the fire
10 company or fire department or other person in charge or while
11 answering any emergency calls for any purpose or while riding
12 upon the fire apparatus which is owned or used by the fire
13 company or fire department or while performing any other duties
14 of such fire company or fire department as authorized by the
15 municipality or while performing duties imposed by section 15,
16 act of April 27, 1927 (P.L.465, No.299), referred to as the Fire
17 and Panic Act, or while sustaining a heart attack within 24
18 hours of responding to an emergency call, which heart attack
19 leads to his or her death.

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21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.