

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2722 Session of
1980

INTRODUCED BY GANNON, FREIND, CIVERA, MICOZZIE, SPITZ, ARTY,
DURHAM, GRUPPO, SIEMINSKI, COCHRAN, PRATT, F. TAYLOR AND
MADIGAN, JUNE 16, 1980

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 16, 1980

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 24, 1976 (P.L.424, No.101), entitled
2 "An act providing for the payment of death benefits to the
3 surviving spouse or children of firemen or law enforcement
4 officers killed in the performance of their duties," further
5 providing for benefits.

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

8 Section 1. The title and section 1, act of June 29, 1976
9 (P.L.424, No.101), entitled "An act providing for the payment of
10 death benefits to the surviving spouse or children of firemen or
11 law enforcement officers killed in the performance of their
12 duties," are amended to read:

AN ACT

14 Providing for the payment of death benefits to the surviving
15 spouse or children or certain dependent parents of firemen or
16 law enforcement officers killed in the performance of their
17 duties.

18 Section 1. A political subdivision shall pay to the
19 surviving spouse, or, if there is no surviving spouse, the minor

1 children, of a fireman or law enforcement officer of the
2 political subdivision killed in the performance of his duties
3 the sum of \$25,000. When no spouse or minor children survive,
4 the benefit shall be paid to the parent or parents of such
5 fireman or officer in equal shares if the parent or parents had
6 a one-third dependency on the income of such fireman or officer
7 twelve months prior to the date of death. The benefit shall be
8 payable whether or not the officer was killed within the
9 corporate boundaries of the employing municipality.

10 The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall pay to the surviving
11 spouse, or, if there is no surviving spouse, the minor children
12 of a State policeman or other law enforcement officer of the
13 Commonwealth killed in the performance of his duties the sum of
14 \$25,000. The benefit shall be payable whether or not the officer
15 was killed within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

16 Upon payment of this death benefit by a political
17 subdivision, the political subdivision shall apply to the State
18 Treasurer and be reimbursed for the total amount by the
19 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Payments by the Commonwealth or
20 reimbursement to the political subdivisions shall be made out of
21 the General Fund of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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