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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 9, 2015

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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 who die as a  
6 result of the performance of their duties," further providing  
7 for certification of death.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1(a) of the act of June 24, 1976  
11 (P.L.424, No.101), referred to as the Emergency and Law  
12 Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act, amended October 9,  
13 2009 (P.L.588, No.51), is amended to read:

14 Section 1. (a) In the event a law enforcement officer,  
15 ambulance service or rescue squad member, firefighter, certified  
16 hazardous material response team member or National Guard member  
17 dies as a result of the performance of his duties, such  
18 political subdivision, Commonwealth agency or, in the case of  
19 National Guard members, the Adjutant General, or, in the case of

1 a member of a Commonwealth law enforcement agency, the  
2 authorized survivor or the agency head, within [90 days] three  
3 years from the date of death, shall submit certification of such  
4 death to the Commonwealth.

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