

# Legislative Fiscal Bureau

## Fiscal Note

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HF 2061 - Firefighter Death Benefits (LSB 5393 YH)

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### **Description**

House File 2061 changes the exclusion for deaths resulting from stress or strain to permit the payment of a \$100,000 death benefit for emergency services providers not covered by the Public Safety Peace Officers' Retirement, Accident, and Disability System, the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS), or the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa, who die in the line of duty from a heart attack or stroke, within 24 hours of engaging in duties as an emergency services provider, unless shown by competent medical evidence that the death resulted from something other than from a non-routine stressful or strenuous activity within the scope of the providers duties.

### **Assumptions**

1. The number of deaths that will occur is unknown.
2. During calendar years 1994 through 2002, a total of five Iowa volunteer fire fighters died in the line of duty, with two of the deaths being attributed to stress.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The estimated fiscal impact of HF 2061 cannot be determined since the number of future deaths is unknown.

Each death of an emergency services provider, not covered by the Public Safety Peace Officers' Retirement, Accident, and Disability System, the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS), or the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa, in the line of duty from a heart attack or stroke, beginning July 1, 2004, would result in a \$100,000 impact to the General Fund.

### **Source**

National Fire Data Center

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

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