

House File 220 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning the line of duty death benefit under the
2 statewide fire and police retirement system and providing an
3 appropriation and an effective date.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 411.6, subsection 15, paragraph a, Code
1 2 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 a. If, upon the receipt of evidence and proof from the
1 4 chief of the police or fire department that the death of a
1 5 member in service was the direct and proximate result of a
1 6 traumatic personal injury incurred in the line of duty, the
1 7 system decides that death was so caused, there shall be paid,
1 8 to a person ~~authorized to receive an accidental death benefit~~
~~1 9 as provided in subsection 9, paragraph "b" designated by the~~
~~1 10 member as the member's beneficiary~~, the amount of one hundred

1 11 thousand dollars, which shall be payable in a lump sum.

1 12 Sec. 2. Section 411.6, subsection 15, Code 2007, is
1 13 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

1 14 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. There is appropriated annually from the
1 15 general fund of the state to the system an amount sufficient
1 16 to pay line of duty death benefit claims under this
1 17 subsection. The director of the department of administrative
1 18 services shall issue warrants for payment of line of duty
1 19 death benefit claims approved for payment by the system.

1 20 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
1 21 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

1 22 EXPLANATION

1 23 This bill modifies the eligible beneficiaries for the
1 24 \$100,000 line of duty death benefit for a person covered under
1 25 the statewide fire and police retirement system established in
1 26 Code chapter 411. Currently, a line of duty death benefit is
1 27 payable as provided for an accidental death benefit and goes
1 28 to the following in descending order: the member's spouse,
1 29 the member's minor children, or the member's parents. The
1 30 bill provides that the member may designate the beneficiary of
1 31 the death benefit.

1 32 The bill also provides that any line of duty death benefit
1 33 claim payable to a member of the retirement system shall be
1 34 paid by an appropriation from the general fund of the state
1 35 and not from the pension system fund.

2 1 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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