BY: Economic Matters Committee

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 690 (First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike beginning with "requiring" through "make" and substitute "<u>altering the</u>"; strike beginning with "specifying" in line 6 down through "benefits;" in line 7 and substitute "<u>providing that the combined payments to a surviving spouse who was wholly dependent</u> at the time of the covered employee's death but who later becomes partly self-supporting may not exceed a certain amount under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act;"; in line 13, after "9-681" insert "<u>and 9-682</u>"; and strike in their entirety lines 16 through 20, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with the colon in line 25 down through "DEATH" in line 32 and substitute "<u>IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-682 OF THIS SUBTITLE</u>".

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 33 through 36, inclusive, and substitute:

"(A) <u>THE EMPLOYER OR ITS INSURER SHALL PAY A DEATH BENEFIT IN</u> <u>ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION IF:</u>

(1) THERE ARE NO INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE WHOLLY DEPENDENT ON THE DECEASED COVERED EMPLOYEE AT THE TIME OF DEATH, BUT THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE PARTLY DEPENDENT; OR

(2) <u>A SURVIVING SPOUSE WHO WAS WHOLLY DEPENDENT ON THE</u> DECEASED COVERED EMPLOYEE AT THE TIME OF DEATH BECOMES PARTLY SELF-SUPPORTING.".

On page 4, in line 14, after "paid" insert "<u>, INCLUDING ANY PAYMENTS MADE</u> <u>DURING A PERIOD OF TOTAL DEPENDENCY UNDER § 9-681 OF THIS SUBTITLE</u>".

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, after line 33, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act relating to wholly dependent spouses who become partly self-supporting shall apply only to those wholly dependent spouses who become partly self-supporting on or after October 1, 2003.";

and in line 34, strike "2." and substitute "<u>3.</u>".