

**SB0711/524266/1**

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 711  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Life Insurance”; in line 6, after “employees;” insert “authorizing the Secretary of State Police and the Secretary of Budget and Management to award certain death benefits and funeral expenses to certain recipients on behalf of certain individuals; requiring that certain death benefits and funeral expenses be paid and funded in a certain manner; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act;”; and strike beginning with “benefit” in line 6 down through “Program” in line 7 and substitute “benefits for public safety employees”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 13, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) This section applies to any individual who, on or after November 1, 2008:

(1) was an active police employee in good standing of the Department of State Police; and

(2) died while participating in off-duty training exercises directly related to maintaining fitness for duty as a police employee employed by the Department of State Police.

(b) (1) The Secretary of State Police may award to the surviving spouse, child, dependent parent, or estate of an individual described in subsection (a) of this section:

(Over)

(i) a death benefit equal to \$125,000; and

(ii) reasonable funeral expenses, not exceeding \$10,000.

(2) The Secretary of Budget and Management may award to the surviving spouse, child, dependent parent, or estate of an individual described in subsection (a) of this section a death benefit equal to \$50,000.

(c) If the Secretary of State Police and Secretary of Budget and Management determine that the benefits under this section are to be paid, the benefits shall be paid:

(1) to the decedent's surviving spouse;

(2) if no individual is eligible under item (1) of this subsection, to each surviving child of the decedent in equal shares;

(3) if no individual is eligible under item (1) or (2) of this subsection, to the decedent's surviving parent, if the parent was a dependent as defined under § 152 of the Internal Revenue Code; or

(4) if no individual is eligible under item (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection, to the decedent's estate.

(d) (1) Any benefit awarded by the Secretary of State Police under subsection (b)(1) of this section shall be paid and funded in accordance with the benefits provided under § 1-202 of the Public Safety Article.

(2) Any benefit awarded by the Secretary of Budget and Management under subsection (b)(2) of this section shall be paid and funded in accordance with the benefits provided under § 10-404 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.”

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, before line 14, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall apply only to all policies and contracts for life insurance coverage issued on or renewed by the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program on or after October 1, 2009.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in line 14, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”; in line 15, strike “October” and substitute “July”; and in the same line, after “2009.” insert “Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.