

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 13

2019 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

STATE POLICE RETIREMENT. Provides for a surviving spouse benefit to resume in certain circumstances. (2/3 - CA 10s29(F)) (7/1/19)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Designates proposed law as the "Trooper William Michael Kess Act".

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

DIGEST

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Present law, relative to the State Police Retirement System, provides for the benefit payable to the surviving spouse of a member killed in the line of duty.

Present law generally provides that a surviving spouse's benefit shall be forfeited upon the remarriage of the spouse. Provides, however, that after June 22, 1993, if the remarriage occurs after the surviving spouse attains age 55, the benefits shall not be discontinued. (R.S. 11:234) Present law (effective June 11, 1999) further provides that the forfeiture of benefits shall not apply to the spouse of a member who was killed in the line of duty.

Present law applicable to employees hired on or after Jan. 1, 2011, requires the benefits that ceased upon remarriage to resume upon the death of or divorce from the new spouse. (R.S. 11:1323)

Proposed law retains present law and allows a surviving spouse of a member killed in the line of duty whose benefit was forfeited upon remarriage which occurred prior to June 11, 1999, to resume receiving the survivor benefit upon the dissolution of the marriage by death or divorce.

Proposed law provides that benefits shall be paid prospectively only.

Proposed law to be known as the "Trooper William Michael Kees Act".

Effective July 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 11:1316(C))

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