
DIGEST

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Abstract: Extends health insurance coverage for the families of law enforcement officers and firemen killed in the line of duty.

Present law requires the employer of an officer who is killed in the course of the performance of his official duties or arising out of any activity on or off duty in his capacity as a law enforcement officer, in the protection of life or property, to provide and pay for health insurance coverage for the law enforcement officer's surviving spouse for two years following the death of the law enforcement officer. Requires the employer to provide and pay for health insurance coverage for the law enforcement officer's surviving child for as long as the child remains qualified for the benefit or two years, whichever comes first.

Proposed law extends the present law health insurance coverage for law enforcement officers to firemen.

Present law provides health insurance coverage to the surviving spouse for two years following the death of the law enforcement officer.

Proposed law extends the health insurance coverage for the remainder of the life of the law enforcement officer's or fireman's surviving spouse.

Present law provides health insurance to the children of the law enforcement officer for two years following the death of the law enforcement officer or until the child no longer meets the qualifications provided in present law, whichever comes first. The qualifications of present law are that the child is under 18 years of age, is under 23 years of age if regularly attending secondary school or an accredited college or university, or is physically or mentally disabled.

Proposed law removes the two-year limitation for health insurance benefits and extends the availability of health insurance benefits to the children of firemen who were killed in the line of duty.

Proposed law applies retroactively.

(Amends R.S. 40:1665.2(G)(1) and (2)(b); Adds R.S. 40:1665(D))