
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 a law enforcement officer or fireman 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 or fireman, in the protection of life or property, to provide and pay for health insurance coverage for the law enforcement officer's or fireman's surviving spouse for two years following the death of the law enforcement officer or fireman. Requires the employer to provide and pay for health insurance coverage for the law enforcement officer's or fireman's surviving children, stepchildren, and adopted children for as long as the child remains qualified for the benefit or two years, whichever comes first.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law enacts the "MJ 911 Act" in memory of officers lost in the line of duty.

Proposed law requires the employer of a law enforcement officer or fireman employed in Lafayette Parish to provide health insurance coverage for the remainder of the life of a law enforcement officer's surviving spouse or the surviving spouse of a fireman. Extends health insurance coverage to the law enforcement officer's or fireman's child, stepchild, or adopted child who is any of the following:

- (1) Under the age of 18.
- (2) Under the age of 23 and enrolled in and regularly attending a secondary school or a full-time student at an accredited college or university.
- (3) Physically or mentally disabled.

Proposed law requires health insurance coverage for children until a child no longer meets the specified qualifications.

Proposed law applies retroactively to Jan. 1, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 40:1665.5 and 1665.6)