



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5360

LCO No. 4173

Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING SALARY PAYMENTS TO SURVIVING SPOUSES OF STATE POLICE OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) The surviving spouse,
2 until remarriage, of a state police officer or Department of Correction
3 employee engaged in hazardous duty service, as described in section
4 5-173 of the general statutes, who dies on or after October 1, 2003, as
5 the result of injuries received while acting within the scope of
6 employment and not as the result of illness or natural causes, shall be
7 entitled to receive the deceased officer's or employee's full base salary
8 until such time as the deceased officer or employee would have
9 attained normal retirement age.

10 (b) Upon the remarriage of the surviving spouse, during any period
11 in which the surviving spouse has one dependent child under eighteen
12 years of age, provided the child was dependent on the officer or
13 employee at the time of death, the surviving spouse shall be entitled to
14 receive one-third of the deceased officer's or employee's full base
15 salary until the child reaches the age of eighteen.

16 (c) Upon the remarriage of the surviving spouse, during any period
17 in which the surviving spouse has two or more dependent children
18 under eighteen years of age, provided the children were dependent on
19 the officer or employee at the time of death, the surviving spouse shall
20 be entitled to receive two-thirds of the deceased officer's or employee's
21 full base salary until the children reach the age of eighteen.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To allow the surviving spouses and children of those state police and Department of Correction officers killed in the line of duty to continue to receive the deceased officer's salary until such time as the officer would have reached retirement age.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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