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**Committee Bill No. 5159**

LCO No. 4310

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING PENSION BENEFITS OF SURVIVING SPOUSES OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 7-433b of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2005*):

4 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute, charter or  
5 special act to the contrary affecting the noncontributory or  
6 contributory retirement systems of any municipality of the state, or  
7 any special act providing for a police benefit fund or other retirement  
8 system, the survivors of any uniformed or regular member of a paid  
9 fire department or any regular member of a paid police department  
10 whose death has been suffered in the line of duty shall be eligible to  
11 receive such survivor benefits as are provided for in the Workers'  
12 Compensation Act, and, in addition, they shall receive such survivor  
13 benefits as may be provided for in the retirement system in which such  
14 department member was a participant at the time of his or her death;  
15 provided such pension benefits (1) shall not terminate on the  
16 remarriage of the spouse of such member, and (2) shall be adjusted so

17 that the total weekly benefits received by such survivors shall not  
18 exceed one hundred per cent of the weekly compensation being paid,  
19 during their compensable period, to members of such department in  
20 the same position which was held by such deceased at the time of his  
21 or her death. Nothing contained [herein] in this section shall prevent  
22 any town, city or borough from paying money from its general fund to  
23 any such survivors, provided total weekly benefits paid shall not  
24 exceed said one hundred per cent of the weekly compensation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	7-433b(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow surviving spouses of public safety officers killed in the line of duty to retain pension benefits even if they remarry.

*[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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