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Committee Bill No. 5434

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF
POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS 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, 2005*) Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of any general statute, charter or special act affecting the
3 noncontributory or contributory retirement systems of any
4 municipality of the state, or any special act providing for a police
5 benefit fund or other retirement system, the surviving spouse of any
6 uniformed or regular member of a paid fire department or any regular
7 member of a paid police department killed in the line of duty shall be
8 eligible to receive such member's base salary until the date on which
9 such member would have been eligible to retire from service in the
10 paid fire department or paid police department, as the case may be. On
11 and after such date, the surviving spouse of such member shall be
12 eligible to receive the benefits such member would have been entitled
13 to receive and as are provided for in the retirement system in which
14 such member was a participant at the time of his or her death.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow surviving spouses of police officers and firefighters killed in action to continue to collect their deceased spouse's base pay and retirement benefits.

[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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